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**BUMPER
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BONUS!**

**GIANT FINISH
TO 1985
SEASON!**

BY FRANK COLETTA

**AUSTRALIAN SOCCER
WEEKLY goes to a massive
32 pages today to mark our
last issue for 1985.**

We at ASW thought it quite appropriate to end the season with a real bang.

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It must be said that 1985 has been an enormous year for ASW, we have created a first in coming out on Monday morning, no less than 48 hours before any of our competition.

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We have also been value for money, we made history earlier in the year with our 28 page editions, something the like of which had never been done in Australia previously.

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ASW has continually served up the very best of the round ball code, not only here in Australia but also overseas.

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The ASW staff and management extends its best wishes to all ASW readers for a meritorious festive season and a fruitful new year.

SEE YOU IN '86 FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER YEAR!

GREEDY SAVES AUSTRALIA



TERRY GREEDY, World Cup goalkeeper, saved Australia from an Israeli second half assault and almost certain defeat in their second World Cup encounter yesterday at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Australia drew 1-all with Israel, thanks to the valiant efforts of St George's pair, Greedy and centre-back, David Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe scored a fine crouching header for Australia in the 31st minute brought down substitute dangerous striker, Ron Rosental just half a metre outside Australia's penalty box with only 10 minutes to go plus cut off numerous defence-splitting balls to Israel's attack line.

But the real hero of the match was Australia's goalkeeper, Greedy, the school-teacher from the St George area who blocked four dangerous Israeli drives at the target.

Greedy was superb and lived up to his nickname of "Shilton".

The second half saw a determined Israeli revival, inspired after their best player, left-striker, Elyahu Ohana was sent off in the 65th for allegedly arguing and abusing the linesman.

Having won the toss, Australia ran with the wind at their backs as centre-back Steve O'Connor hit the base of the left post early in the match with a fine header.

Ohana who was making Alan Davidson's life miserable, was brought down roughly to earn Davidson a yellow card.

The 13th minute in fact proved lucky for Australia as deadly striker Zahi Armeli busted clear with Greedy at his mercy. But his low blasting drive was well blocked by the

Australian goalkeeper.

Australia in the first 25 minutes squandered too many balls with very bad passing which automatically put Australia's back-five under severe, yet needless pressure.

Australia's midfield trio of Jow Watson, Zarko Odzakovic and Oscar Crino were the main offenders in this period.

But the 31st minute brought joy to Australia as lanky striker, David Mitchell, was needlessly brought down wide on the right for Australia to be awarded a free-kick.

Watson floated his kick over to the Israeli back-post, where Ratcliffe had pushed.

Almost on his knees, Ratcliffe scored with a crouching header that flashed inches inside the Israeli's left-post.

Six minutes later Watson flicked a square ball

to his captain, John Kosmina, who caught it on his right knee, spun and hit a dipping-volley just over the cross-bar from 10 metres out.

Five minutes from the break, Kosmina was involved in a tussle with Israel's tough defensive midfielder, Rifat Turk.

Both received yellow cards for their efforts which now will see Kosmina miss next Wednesday night's clash with Taipei at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium.

With Australia holding onto their slender lead till halftime, Israel hit back with a goal almost immediately after the break.

Israel's star creative midfielder, Uri Malmilian, hit a corner which floated into Australia's goalmouth beating an impeded Greedy as left-back Graham Jennings

raced in to boot the ball out.

However the referee ruled a goal as his linesman flagged the ball had crossed the goal-line.

Kosmina again went close to scoring after Watson knocked a free-kick into the box that was knocked down by Mitchell in the air for Kosmina to hit.

Then play was held up as bedlam broke out with the Israeli players attacking the referee, wildly protesting his red card decision on Ohana.

Greedy again in the 75th minute was called upon to pull off a magnificent diving save to his left to hold a firm

header from Moshe Sinai who met a free kick from the right.

Australia was frightened with 10 minutes to go as substitute striker Rosental streaked away following good lead-up work by his captain and sweeper, Avi Cohen.

With Rosental about to break into Greedy's area, Ratcliffe flew across to bring the Israeli striker down, just half a metre short of the box and save the day for the Green and Gold.

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MITCHELL CHASED

DAVID MITCHELL, Australia's World Cup star-striker, is being chased by no less than four NSL clubs to secure his services for next season. Mitchell has starred for Australia in the three World Cup qualifying matches he has played in to date.

The blond lanky striker who upon return to Australia from Glasgow Rangers, finished the 1985 season with Sydney City.

South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne Croatia, Apia and National champions, Brunswick-Juventus, are all after Mitchell's signature.

But over the week-end, Sydney Olympic threw its hat into the ring for the big powerful striker.

Mitchell however, has played non-stop football for three years, and badly needs a rest.

"Although I am grateful for the offers coming in all I want is to go to Adelaide for a long rest with my family."

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TERRY GREEDY flies through the air to make a magnificent save, of which he made many yesterday.



The Editor

ALTHOUGH CHINESE TAIPEI or Taiwan as they are wantonly called, have not displayed any semblance of form during their initial matches against Israel and New Zealand, they may well trouble our Socceros.

Not to the extent of beating them, no siree, but possibly restricting them in the goals department.

The continuous five goal onslaughts they have been taking are not of much good obviously, except for the fact that maybe they may have learnt a few things in the defending department.

Yet the effect could be two-fold, they may well be so demoralised that they couldn't hold the Aussies at all or maybe they could have improved.

Either way, Australia should win both matches and well.

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LITTLE JOE WATSON just keeps on keeping on, doesn't he.

I for one believed he just was not up to international competition any longer, but like so many was proved wrong by the little midfielders superb display in Tel Aviv a fortnight back.

He took control of the midfield and dominated where his opponents should have and for that he deserves the utmost praise.

Let's hope Australia can make it to Mexico and little Joe can round off an illustrious career in the best place possible, under the world spotlight.

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IT'S funny how English and Australian soccer run a curious parallel.

Last year for instance there were the riots involving the poms and soon after the same thing occurred here.

Now we hear that the fourth division may be axed from the English Football League next season in a bid to prevent the formation of a super league.

The same thing is happening here also it would seem, with the club-powers-that-be in Melbourne wanting to get rid of the so-called 'excess' in their division, as we know in two years we will get a premier league and England want it the same with a 22 strong first division.

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WITH those well reported hit-men in the Israeli side yesterday, Joe Watson made sure that he was going to get away with the minimal amount of bumps and bruises on the aging legs.

During the week he visited a sports store and invested in a firm pair of shin-pads.

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IT has to be said that Frank Arok was wrong in trying to shirk any of the responsibilities of his sides hard performance in Tel Aviv.

Admittedly the refereeing was one-sided but it was quite obvious that the Aussies (and quite rightly mind you) took no liberties with the Israelis, giving out as good if not better than they got.

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AS reported on the front page this will be ASW's last edition for season 1985.

I'd like to take the time out to thank everyone connected with the publication for making it an enjoyable yet challenging year.

It must be said, that when there was news, ASW was always there on the spot to give our readers the best coverage possible.

We grabbed an amazing amount of scoops and did ourselves justice.

For that my thanks is extended to all my compatriot journo's for a job well done.

But most of all I'd like to express my thanks to you the readers for all the support and good wishes throughout the year.

THANK YOU all, have a meritorious festive season, a prosperous new year and see you again for a bigger and better year in January '86!

— FRANK COLETTA

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SERDERON GOES TO ALBURY WODONGA

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE 1985 Serderon Prize has been won by the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association from down on the NSW-Victoria border.

The outstanding \$500 first prize in the \$1000 competition has gone to the area for the second year running.

The award is made by Sydney polythene material distributors Serderon Pty Ltd, whose managing director Mr Steven Serda is a leading official and former president of the Sydney City Junior Soccer Club.

He has also served with the Southern & Eastern Soccer Football Association.

One of Mr Serda's idea is to promote the soccer code by making improvements to the publicity of the sport. He is also deeply interested in lifting playing standards.

The man behind this year's successful club is former journalist Frank Finlay for East Albury.

Last year he nominated the Riverina Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation as his choice for this fabulous prize.

This year he has settled for his own local association, as he wants to see it built up to an even bigger force.

Not surprisingly the excellent work put in by Bill Turner on behalf on the Northern NSW Schools Soccer Federation was won that

organisation the \$250 runners up award.

Bill Turner has long been the "Mr Soccer" of the code in the schools in the strong Hunter Valley Region.

Last year the Northern NSW Schools ran second and this year they were only just a touch behind in the major award.

Mr Turner teaches at Booragah High School, and as president of the Northern NSW Schools Federation is one of the driving forces behind the State-wide Turner Cup for U15 teams for all schools in the State.

Some excellent contributions from another schoolteacher, Chris James of the St George language School, gave third place and \$100 to the Australian Schoolboys' Soccer Federation.

Chris followed up the forthcoming tour of England and Wales by the Australian schoolboys team along with a group of highly motivated schools officials.

His contributions were bright and to the point. With so much money having to be raised to send the squad away, the Serderon \$100 gives another worthwhile contribution to the cause.

Nepean District Soccer Association won

\$100 and fourth place thanks to the efforts of their long-time official George Churchward.

George concentrated on some of the coaches of the district and other topics and his contributions were much appreciated.

This year some excellent articles came from various areas of Queensland, including Townsville, Bundaberg and the South West through Barbara Preston.

However it was Bundaberg's Across the Walves Club who took the \$50 consolation prize.

Steve Stillman once again did the honours in his usual accurate, newsy style.

Other organisations who missed out on prizes but added depth the ASW's unmatched junior and schools cover included Newcastle Central, St Spyridon, Gladesville-Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Blacktown United, ACT, Manly-Warringah and Western NSW.

Our thanks go to the firm of "Serderon the Plastic Man" and Mr Steve Serda for again providing these much coveted prizes.

STADIUM PROPOSAL TALKS UNDERWAY

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

MOVES to establish a million dollar soccer complex at Christie Park, took a giant leap forward last month following a special meeting between Ryde council and Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association officials.

News on the proposal was aired by council aldermen, following detailed discussions between council and football officials over plans to re-locate the association headquarters from Santa Rosa Park to Christie.

Association representatives, Mr Jim Forrest, Stuart Grant and Lawrie Lynagh outlined the clubs proposals for Christie Park and indicated, that if accepted, could make an initial contribution of \$50,000 toward the work.

Although information on the proposal is still, at best sketchy, it is believed soccer officials are pressing for at least two full sized international standard playing fields.

Floodlighting, the provision of warm up and training areas and adequate accommodation is also believed to be involved in the soccer proposal.

If given the green light, local trotting officials will be the first to feel the brunt of the decision, with the need to remove the familiar dirt pacing track from the perimeter of the field.

While both council and soccer officials are reluctant to be drawn on the issue at such an early stage, it is known that council has passed on details of the proposal to Municipal Engineer, Terry Gibson for a report on the staged development and financial backing needed for the scheme.

JOINT OLYMPIC WINNERS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CHRIS KALANTZIS and PETER RASKOPOULOS, jointly won Sydney Olympic's "Player of the Year" award with Marshall Soper as runner-up at Olympic's presentation night last Friday evening.

Kalantzis and Raskopoulos as well as their magnificent marble-columned trophies, received cheques of \$1,500 each.

Other awards presented went to George Haniotis ("Most Im-

proved Player"), Graham Jennings ("Clubman of the Year"), Andy Zervas ("Youth Player of the Year") and whilst Chris Shiatras took out the "Most Improved Youth Player" award.



FRANK FINLAY, wins for the Albury Association, the \$500 Serderon first prize.

ASW — BIGGER AND BETTER IN '86!



BURSTING INTO THE NEW YEAR!

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After this incident, Ratcliffe again almost scored from the far post, but lost his balance on meeting a Watson free-kick, which saw the centre-back's shot slice off the mark.

Oscar Crino saw his 85th minute header get tipped over the bar by the alert Israeli goalkeeper, Arie Haviv, after meeting a long Kosmina cross from the left flank.

With only seconds left of play, Israel again threatened. Rosental broke away to blast from nine metres out, but Greedy was not going to allow the Israeli striker joy and dropped well to smother the danger.

Stars for Australia were Greedy, Ratcliffe and Crino late in the second half, whilst Israel's best performers were Ohana and Malmillian.

After the match, Australia's coach, Frank Arok confessed: "I said we would need at least three points from Israel to be in business to win our Group. Greedy saved us today by blocking at least three or four goals."

"But now the competition is still wide open and Israel is still in it."

"If we can collect another six points from our three matches left, we should be there."

But Israel's disappointed coach, Joseph Mirmovitch stated: "I think the game was not as rough as in Tel Aviv and we played better. But we did not take our chances."

AUSTRALIA:
Greedy: Davidson, O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Yankos, Jennings: Watson (Patikas 83rd), Odzakov, Crino: Kosmina, Mitchell.

ISRAEL: Haviv: Kirat, Marilli, Ekhoiz, Cohen, Pizanti, Malmillian



TERRY GREEDY



DAVID RATCLIFFE

(Selector 80th), REFeree: Jose Rosa
Turk (Rosental dos
70th), Sinai, Armell, tos..(Portugal).
Ohana. CROWD. 25,000.

MITCHELL continued from front

"If Australia does not qualify, I want to rest for at least three months and maybe play here just before June. But until then I badly need that rest."

It is also understood that Mitchell has desires to play in France and his England agents have already received offers.

Mitchell does not have a transfer on his head as he bought out his own transfer.



John KOSMINA



Joe WATSON



National Coach: Frank AROK

JOE WATSON CRACKS TOP PRIZE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JOE WATSON, Sydney City's mercurial Soccerroo midfielder, won the Club's "1985 Player Of the Year" award, narrowly beating last season's winner, Gerardo Gomez for the trophy.

Joe received his award from the Hakoah club president, Mr Frank Lowy, at a special function held at the Hakoah Club in the Sydney suburb of Bondi.

Watson scored a narrow victory, accumulating 23 points, just one ahead of Gomez.

Joe who has been with Sydney City for the last 12 years, is out to emulate West Ham's Frank Lampard as the club's record long serving player.

Aged 33, Watson only has another five years to equal Lampard's record.

Voting was done every week during the season by coaches Eddie Thomson and Mick Hickman together with Joe Marton, on a 3:2:1 basis.

Alex Robertson Sydney City's super-cool free-city, took out the "Clubman of The Year"

award. But with Alex being overseas on business, his award was collected by his two young sons, Sean (11) and Mark (8).

Grant Lee, the club's left-flanker, took out the "Most Improved Player", whilst the "Harry Lakmaker Memorial Trophy" for the most talented player in the Youth team, went to 18 year old Fabian Sacilotta.

The club's "Top Scorer" award went to young Graham Paterson who knocked in 19 goals for the Youth team, a remarkable effort considering Graham is a midfielder.

Geoff Harcombe, Sydney City's former 1960's Prague star full-back and currently coach of City's Youth team, was presented with a special trophy for win-

ning both the Northern Division, as well as the National Grand Finals. It was ironic that this



GEOFF HARCMBE, Sydney City's Youth Team coach is presented with his award by youth team captain ANDREW HARPER.



Sydney City captain MURRAY BARNES presents JOHN KOSMINA representing NIKE with his silver tray award.

Geoff's youngsters scored a thrilling win at Melbourne's Olympic Park, defeating Heidelberg 3 nil to take out the National Grand Final.

The very popular and super efficient Geoff, was also presented with a silver tray by the captain of the Youth team, Andy Harper.

A surprise but most considerate gesture, and the first time I have seen it done by any club, Sydney City's captain, Murray Barnes, presented one of the club's sponsors, NIKE Sportswear of Australia, with a trophy of appreciation.

John Kosmina, Australia's World Cup captain, who is employed by NIKE received the tro-

presentation saw Australia's 1982 World Cup captain (Barnes) making the presentation to Australia's 1986 World Cup skipper, (Kosmina).

Finally, the club's Chairman of Soccer, Mr Sam Fiszman... made a presentation of a silver tankard for "Special Services Rendered" to Sydney City, to the club's biggest supporter, Joe Marton.

But when Joe finally opened his trophy, he was pleasantly shocked to find a cheque inside the tankard, earmarked "for a drink".

"With a cheque like that Joe, you can afford to have your drink in Acapulco," joked a member of the Media.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION COURSES

LEVEL II —

COURSE 2 2,3,9,10,16,17 November

COURSE 3 23,24,30 November 1,7,8 December

FITNESS FOR

SOCCER COURSE REVISED DATE 16,17 November

BRIDGING

COURSE —

7,8 DECEMBER

LEVEL III —

6 to 10th January

SCHOOLBOY COURSES

COURSE 1 — 12 to 17th January 1986

COURSE 2 — 19 to 24th January 1986

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HOW THEY FINISHED — FACTS AND FIGURES

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	22	15	5	2	42	19	35
Croatia	22	14	5	3	50	22	33
Marconi	22	11	7	4	44	23	29
Sydney Olympic	22	12	3	7	29	25	27
St George	22	7	8	7	32	27	22
Canberra	22	8	6	8	33	35	22
Inter Monaro	22	7	6	9	29	37	20
Blacktown	22	7	4	11	30	34	18
Apia Leichhardt	22	7	2	13	20	34	16
Wollongong City	22	5	6	11	29	46	16
Penrith City	22	4	6	12	24	35	14
Newcastle Rosebud	22	4	4	14	20	45	12

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	22	14	5	3	39	21	33
Brunswick Juve	22	11	7	4	33	19	29
Heidelberg Utd	22	10	7	5	29	17	27
Melbourne Croatia	22	9	6	7	29	21	24
Sunshine GC	22	8	7	7	25	22	23
Preston	22	9	6	7	30	28	23
Brisbane Lions	22	9	4	9	29	29	22
Green Gully	22	6	6	10	24	29	18
Adelaide City	22	6	6	10	29	35	18
West Adelaide	22	6	5	11	24	37	17
Brisbane City	22	6	5	11	25	42	17
Footscray	22	5	2	15	25	41	12

NSL TOP SCORERS

NORTHERN DIVISION

16 — Patikas (S. Cro)
15 — Jankovics (M)
13 — Arnold (S. Cro)
11 — Brown (M), Farina (S. Cit)
9 — O'Connor (B), Lowe (M)
8 — Morgan (SG), Kosmina (S. Cit), Gomez (S. Cit)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

18 — Egan (SM)
11 — Stevenson (H), Latif (SGC), Price (WA)
10 — Sweeney (BJ), Lewis (GG)
8 — Zinni (BJ), Ward (MC), Smith (P), Brown (SM)

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong	24	17	2	5	54	27	36
Canberra	24	16	4	4	47	29	36
Sydney City	24	14	3	7	59	29	31
AIS	24	11	6	7	65	50	28
St George	24	11	3	10	47	51	25
Newcastle	24	9	6	9	25	29	24
Marconi	24	8	6	10	48	49	22
Leichhardt	24	8	5	11	31	39	21
Inter-Monaro	24	8	5	11	33	47	21
Croatia	24	6	7	11	35	45	19
Blacktown	24	6	5	13	39	54	17
Olympic	24	6	5	13	33	48	17
Penrith	24	6	3	15	32	51	15

NSW STATE LEAGUE

TNT SKYPAC LEAGUE DIV 1 GD 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Canterbury	22	14	5	3	49	24	33
Fairy Meadow	22	14	4	4	32	15	32
Sutherland	22	10	8	4	39	21	28
Melita Eagles	22	11	5	6	37	21	27
Ku-ring-gai	22	9	8	5	29	22	26
Rockdale Ilinden	22	8	6	8	29	22	22
Avala	22	7	7	8	25	24	21
Manly	22	5	9	8	20	25	19
Polonia	22	8	3	11	36	49	19
Uruguay	22	3	8	11	16	32	14
Warringah N'been	22	2	9	11	16	40	13
Bankstown	22	2	6	14	18	51	10

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	19	3	0	85	9	76	41
Sutherland	12	7	3	75	15	60	31
Uruguay	14	1	7	58	24	34	29
Manly	12	3	7	64	31	33	27
Ku-ring-gai	11	5	6	55	29	26	27
Fairy Meadow	10	3	9	44	38	6	23
Canterbury	9	5	8	40	38	2	23
Rockdale Ilinden	8	3	11	38	34	4	19
Warringah N'been	7	4	11	27	39	-12	18
Avala	5	5	12	32	52	-20	15
Polonia	3	1	18	20	92	-72	7
Bankstown	1	2	19	51	142	-137	4

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Mac	22	16	5	1	45	12	37
Gladesville	22	14	4	4	37	16	32
Queens Park	22	14	3	5	50	27	31
Blacktown Utd	22	13	3	6	50	26	29
C'town City	22	13	3	6	49	28	29
Nth Bankstown	22	10	5	7	32	19	25
Artamon	22	6	8	8	29	31	20
SSC Yugal	22	6	5	11	37	31	17
Dee Why	22	5	7	10	16	37	17
Bathurst 75	22	3	9	10	27	36	15
Cant. & Dist	22	3	3	16	23	67	9
Penrith Utd	22	0	3	19	19	84	3

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nth Bankstown	22	19	0	3	70	19	38
Gladesville	22	17	4	1	65	18	38
Blacktown Utd	22	17	2	3	61	23	36
Wollongong Mac	22	10	6	6	45	32	26
C'town City	22	11	2	9	38	34	24
Queens Park	22	7	7	8	37	34	21
Dee Why	22	8	3	11	26	29	19
SSC Yugal	22	7	2	13	31	48	16
Artamon	22	6	3	13	30	48	15
Bathurst 75	22	4	5	13	23	45	13
Penrith Utd	22	4	3	15	23	66	11
Cant. & Dist.	22	1	5	16	24	77	7

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Penrith Utd	22	19	1	2	69	14	39
Nth Bankstown	22	14	5	3	48	23	33
C'town City	22	14	3	5	48	14	31
Gladesville	22	15	1	6	44	22	31
Blacktown Utd	22	14	3	5	38	21	31
Queens Park	22	10	3	9	33	35	23
Artamon	22	9	0	13	31	34	18
Dee Why	22	8	2	12	28	39	18
SSC Yugal	22	6	2	14	29	43	14
Bathurst 75	22	5	4	13	25	48	14
Wollongong Mac	22	3	0	19	14	58	6
Cant. & Dist.	22	2	2	18	11	67	6

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	22	12	9	1	49	25	33
Bondi Marine	22	12	8	2	51	19	32
King Tomislav	22	12	6	4	36	25	30
North Ryde	22	12	3	7	35	21	27
Rooty Hill	22	11	4	7	45	21	26
Baulkham Hills	22	10	5	7	30	23	25
Port Hacking	22	8	5	9	27	36	21
C'town Gunners	22	6	5	11	26	35	17
Moorebank L'P	22	7	2	13	23	34	16
Uni. of NSW	22	4	6	12	22	33	14
Mt Druiit Town	22	4	4	14	20	68	12
Granville Dist	22	2	7	13	23	47	11

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Baulkham Hills	22	14	5	3	54	25	33
Bondi Marine	22	15	3	4	47	19	33
Kingsford	22	14	4	4	40	24	32
Port Hacking	22	10	6	6	38	26	26
Moorebank L'P	22	10	6	6	39	30	26
North Ryde	22	9	5	8	31	26	23
Rooty Hill	22	10	3	9	38	36	23
Granville Dist	22	9	3	10	33	33	21
C'town Gunners	22	7	4	11	28	27	18
King Tomislav	22	2	7	13	22	53	11
Uni. of NSW	22	5	0	17	27	52	10
Mt Druiit Town	22	2	4	16	17	63	8

STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bondi Marine	22	16	1	5	50	23	33
Granville Dist	22	15	2	5	46	19	32
Mt Druiit Town	22	15	1	6	42	27	31
Port Hacking	22	14	2	6	32	20	30
Kingsford	22	14	1	7	36	34	29
Baulkham Hills	22	12	3	7	60	42	27
North Ryde	22	10	3	9	35	43	23
Moorebank L'P	22	8	2	12	28	40	18
King Tomislav	22	7	2	13	29	40	16
Rooty Hill	22	6	1	15	20	43	13
C'town Gunners	22	4	3	15	12	51	11
Uni. of NSW	22	0	1	21	2	10	1

INTER URBAN DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Pk Utd	20	14	3	3	38	19	31
Padstow Park	20	14	0	6	37	20	28
West St George	20	10	5	5	51	22	25
Sydney Uni	20	10	4	6	42	28	24
Eastwood St And	20	8	7	5	24	15	23
Spanish	20	10	3	7	41	38	23
Fairfield Kiev	20	5	9	6	33	35	19
Lane Cove	20	4	6	10	16	38	14
Nineveh Eagles	20	4	4	12	22	52	12
CSI-Schofields	20	4	3	13	17	32	11
Hurstville Zag	20	4	2	14	25	47	10

INTER URBAN DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastwood St And	20	14	5	1	56	16	33
CSI-Schofields	20	10	8	2	29	19	28
Sydney Uni	20	10	6	4	39	17	26
West St George	20	12	2	6	45	26	26
West Pk Utd	20	9	6	5	38	31	24
Padstow Park	20	9	5	6	30	22	23
Spanish	20	8	6	6	39	39	22
Hurstville Zag	20	6	4	10	36	45	16
Lane Cove	20	4	2	14	22	51	10
Fairfield Kiev	20	2	3	15	22	59	7
Nineveh Eagles	20	1	3	16	18	49	5

INTER URBAN DIV 2 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	22	17	2	3	61	21	36
Concordia	22	17	0	5	59	35	34

Pagewood	22	15	2	5	63	29	32
Hawkesbury	22	10	5	7	30	21	25
Liverpool City	22	10	4	8	31	32	24
Macquarie Uni	22	9	3	10	26	23	21
Maroubra United	22	7	4	11	25	37	18
Chile Sports	22	4	9	9	32	47	17
Green Valley	22	6	5	11	31	52	17
Wenty Waratahs	22	6	4	12	29	42	16
Trasandinos Sp	22	5	4	13	27	42	14
Macarthur Utd	22	3	4	15	15	48	10

INTER URBAN DIV 2 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	22	17	4	1	64	20	38
Pagewood	22	15	5	2	67	23	35
Macquarie Uni	22	14	4	4	47	23	32
Liverpool City	22	10	6	6	42	26	26
Green Valley	22	9	8	5	31	31	26
Concordia	22	10	4	8	38	35	24
Macarthur Utd	22	8	5	9	33	39	21
Hawkesbury	22	4	10	8	21	33	18
Wenty Waratahs	22	4	5	13	32	53	13
Trasandinos Sp	22	3	6	13	31	51	12
Maroubra United	22	4	4	14	23	60	12
Chile Sports	22	2	3	17	23	58	7

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY CONTEST WINNER AND SUPPORTERS IN NEW ZEALAND

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's Supporters Tour to New Zealand to watch Australia play in Auckland against the Kiwis last month, proved an outstanding success from reports fed back to us.

The Winner of our contest, was 21 year old, Paul Vanderlind from Epping.

Paul won two air tickets plus accommodation for two at Auckland's luxurious Travelodge, sponsored by the Australian Soccer Weekly and Gullivers Sport Travel.

Paul, a young electrician-engineer cadet, chose to take his father, (John), on the trip with him.

FIRST TIME

"Ever since Paul was a little boy, he entered every conceivable contest that was going around and never won anything. This time he cracked it in a big way and took me with him to Auckland."

The Vanderlinds boarded their Qantas flight for Auckland together with all the A.S.W. Supporters Group and headed for New Zealand for a memorable week-end of World Cup Football.

"It was a fantastic trip," John told us.

Paul who is a goalkeeper with second division NSW club, Gladesville Hornsby, was also elated with his magnificent win in the contest.

"It was out of this world really, especially being the first time I have ever won anything," he said.

"Not only did we enjoy seeing the World Cup match, but thanks to Australian Soccer Weekly, it was organised that all the Aussie Supporters travelling on the tour were admitted into the official function held after the match back in the hotel."

Paul added, "It was magic when we got to meet the Aussie players at the function and had a long chat and a drink with them."

The ASW Supporters group were most impressed with Australia's David Ratcliffe, Steve O'Connor and Terry Greedy who spent a lot of time with the group.

Paul in fact, led most of the Supporters together with Terry Greedy, Joe Watson and Steve O'Connor in a sing-along session over drinks for most of the evening.

They certainly let the Kiwis know that the Aussies were in town.

Paul's team came second in their competition this year and being the goalkeeper, he takes great pride that all season he allowed only 11 goals to be scored against him.

A former Under 13s State goalkeeper, Paul follows Sydney Olympic in the NSL.

THE RILEYS

But three brothers on the tour, Mark, Chris and Michael Riley, made it clear to all in Auckland with their singing that as well as being solid supporters for Australia, they strongly follow Sydney City.

The atmosphere was tremendous and the Kiwi players who were based in the same Hotel, were shattered.

Even Australia's assistant coach, Eddie Thomson, on hearing the Sydney City songs wafting down the corridor from around the lounge-bar and into the dining room, came out of the eatery to join the group.

"They're magic, aren't they?", a smiling Thomson boasted.

Adding glamour to ASW's Supporters' tour, were two lovely ladies.

The Australian captain's attractive wife, Judy Kosmina, plus John's charming mother, Beverly Kosmina.

Beverly who accompanied Judy to New Zealand, and resides in Adelaide, was making her first overseas trip.

"It was a most enjoyable trip and we look forward to ASW's next tour. It has been marvelous," Beverly told us.

Members who travelled with ASW's Supporters' Tour to New Zealand were:

Mr Paul Vanderlind, Mr John Vanderlind, Mrs Judy Kosmina, Mrs Beverly Kosmina, M.Howell, Mark Riley, Chris Riley, Michael Riley, A.Kehag, A.Daniel, L. Banyai, H. Bowman, P.Palas, T.Simmons, J.Thompson, S.Perry, M. Etchart, D.Parks, S.Valaris, T.Powell, J.Veris, R. Brooks, G. Tanckeras, J.Constantine, C.Maoudis, K.Charles, I. Hudy.

We have received numerous calls expressing satisfaction and gratitude.

Below we have listed some of the letters we received from appreciative supporters who went on ASW's Tour:

Dear John,

I AM dropping you this line to thank you for how well you treated and looked after everyone on our trip. Sorry I missed you at Sydney Airport to thank you personally.

I had the weekend of my life in Auckland. Your friendliness and organising us to see the players on the Saturday night after the match, plus the harbour boat cruise will always be remembered, not only by myself, but by everyone on your tour.

Everybody behaved very well and didn't let our country down.

At a time when everyone still remembers the trouble at Pratten Park, I only wish the public could hear something good about football supporters.

Our trip across the Tasman could go a long way to repair some of the damage.

It might also encourage other people to join future trips to support our team.

So once again John, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for everything you did and hope that I will be able to join you on any future trip to support the Socceroos.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Perry.
Loftus (NSW).

Dear A.S.W.

I have just returned from New Zealand with your ASW Supporters' Tour to Auckland and felt that I had to write to congratulate the A.S.W. and Gullivers Sport Travel for organising the tour.

In particular, Mr John Economos, whose hard work and never-ending patience, contributed to make our trip a memorable event.

A pity we did not win but the opportunity to meet and talk to the Australian team and all the Media representatives after the game, gave us an insight into how difficult it is to win away from home in World Cup Football.

Once again, well done to all the organisers and hard luck to all the people who put in their names down to tour and for various reasons did not go.

You REALLY missed something.

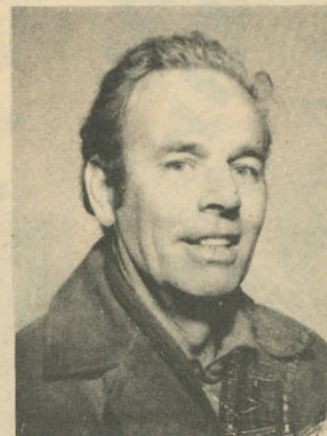
AUSTRALIA FOR MEXICO!!

Yours faithfully,

HARRY BOWMAN.
Epping. NSW.



PAUL VANDERLIND (A.S.W.'s Contest Winner).



JOHN VANDERLIN (Paul's father).

Dear Sir,

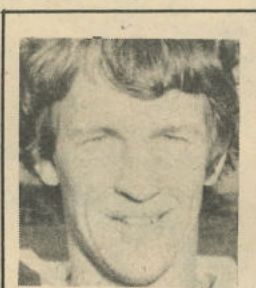
JUST a small note to say a very big thank you for making the World Cup week-end in New Zealand one I will never forget.

The way ASW treated us supporters, made us feel as if we were someone. I cannot find enough words to express our feelings for such a wonderful job you did for us.

I wonder how many people would get us into the after-match conference and organise a harbour cruise?

To Australian Soccer Weekly and the tour organiser (John Economos), thank you very much and I hope we can meet again in the future in similar circumstances.

Michael Howell
Cronulla. NSW.



TERRY GREEDY

Dear John,

THANK you most sincerely for the coverage you gave to both the Rothmans Medal for the National Soccer League and the NSW Soccer Federation.

With regard to the New Zealand trip, thank you also for your organisation.

It was first class. More's the pity as you said the result of the match could not

have been better, but I guess that's Soccer.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself ... drank a little too much ... spent far too much ... ate too much ... and didn't get enough sleep. But after all, that is what makes a successful trip.

Kindest Regards,

Terry Powell

(Assistant National Community Services Manager).
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STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: 22.7.63, Sydney.

HEIGHT: 5'11".

MARRIED: Single.

OCCUPATION: Full-time player.

PLAYING POSITION: Midfielder.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Manly Vale, Western Suburbs, APIA currently with Marconi.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Peter Wilson the former Australian World Cup captain, Mark Pullen, David Mitchell and Arsenal's Kenny Sansom.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: Marconi, Leeds United and Arsenal.

CAR: Commodore SLE V8.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "Not being a regular first-team player with the National side."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: "My Father and Willie Wallace."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Golf.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Charles Bronson.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To be able to play Soccer as long as possible and to remain injury-free.

SUPERSTITIONS: Always wear the same jock-strap.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: INXS, Spandau Ballet.

MAJOR INJURIES: None.

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: "Israel then Scotland."

"Israel, although we have beaten them, will be even harder in the return match here in Australia."

"They are very close to top European standard and Scotland because they have many World class players in their side."



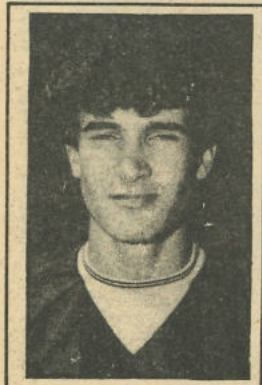
IAN GRAY

THE MASS EXODUS!

BY FRANK COLETTA

AUSTRALIA is right into the thick of World Cup action at the moment and is travelling quite nicely in the quest to reach the 1986 Finals in Mexico.

LEADING COACH: "OUR LEADING PLAYERS ARE LEAVING IN DROVES AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT, THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED SEEM TO BE TAKING AN 'IT'LL BE ALRIGHT MATE' ATTITUDE, AND SIMPLY, THAT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH!"



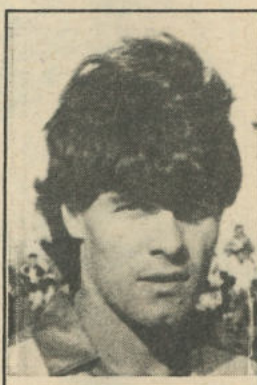
TONY DORIGO



EDDIE KRNCVIC



CRAIG JOHNSTON



PETER KATHOLOS



ROBBIE SLATER



ALAN DAVIDSON



DAVID MITCHELL

Yet it comes as a major shock to realise the side that could have been gracing the field for the Green and Golds.

Just look at the talent on the outer. Craig Johnston, Eddie Krncevic, Tony Dorigo and Andrew Bernal are all overseas pursuing their profession but with little desire ... moreover little intention ... to represent their country.

Country may not be the correct word to use, however, as Johnno, Dorigo and Bernal are all seeking fame with the national sides of their adopted countries.

Johnston, as has been well publicised, is seeking a berth in the England squad for Mexico.

So all that nonsensical rubbish about his not signing to become a pom can be tossed out of the window literally, along with any chance of his playing for the Aussies.

Dorigo for that matter, has a variety of choices. Through his parents, he is eligible to play for Italy, but the likely chance is he is England-bound, although he was born and bred in Australia.

The Dorigo matter is all the more disappointing because as reported in ASW over a year ago, the ASF and notably Frank Arok were supposedly keeping tabs on him: obviously those tabs were insufficient.

AUSTRALIA'S SPANIARD

Bernal is a case of the one that literally got

away. And how he got away!

After having made his name in the World Youth qualifiers this year, he received the offer from his present club Sporting Gijon, and promptly up and left, on the understanding that he was not able to represent his country in the finals of the World Youth Cup.

He is now a Spanish citizen, after having captained Australia!

The blame must be spread two-fold here. First, Bernal, although pursuing every young soccer player's ultimate dream (to play professional football), should have realised exactly what he was doing to his country.

He left a gaping hole in the Australian Youth side: they were minus a centre-back and captain, this hole akin to the one the Titanic received on its maiden voyage. Both sunk.

If Gijon really wanted Bernal so badly, it wouldn't have mattered if he had played for his country or not. End of story.

Bernal is one of those products of the Canberra academy known as the AIS system. Does this mean then that we are nurturing talent in Australia for the benefit of other countries?

Hardly likely. But it sure seems that way!

The ASF deserves a fair share of the blame for the escape of all this talent.

ON THE OUTER

Krncevic, on the other hand, was more than willing to play for his country, but at first was inexplicably rejected by national coach Frank Arok. Arok later relented and Krncevic seemed ready to jump back into the international fray once more, but alas, it was not to be, Krncevic reportedly made it clear he would only play against Israel.

Even this scribe who is one of Krncevic's more ardent fans cannot see the logic in that and accordingly he didn't deserve a spot in the Aussie side.

Australia certainly have a very capable side on the park at the moment, one that could plough through its qualifying group to meet Scotland and go to Mexico.

But the sad fact is that but for the lackadaisical attitude of the Australian Soccer Federation, we could have a superbly competitive national side ... potentially anyway.

When it is seen that a mountain of money is splurged in paractically every direction it is a slur on our national team that little or no effort has been put into holding on to our now big name Australian players.

Admittedly the Mitchell's and Davidson's have been brought back and a somewhat belated effort was made on Krncevic but it is simply not good enough.

AND THE REST

Krncevic has now been followed by Peter Katholos, who made a bee-line for the Greek club, Larissa.

Robbie Slater is off again to the Old Dart and there have been ill-founded reports (thankfully) that Tom McCulloch is on his way to

Southampton.

All well and good as stated earlier. Let the talent go overseas but they must be brought back to play for Australia.

It must also be remembered that had it not been for the profusely wicked English weather, our

current National captain, John Kosmina may have well remained in the UK to play for Arsenal.

Most soccer followers know who Tommy Caton is. Yes, the former Manchester City now Arsenal defender. What about him you may ask?

Well it seems he was eligible to play for Australia!

Just have a look at this mythical team:

Greedy, Davidson, Ratcliffe, Bernal, Caton, Dorigo, Mitchell, Johnston, Kosmina, Krncevic, Crino.

Take some beating wouldn't it?

WINNING IS NOT CHALLENGE ENOUGH FOR SLICKEST COACH

By RAY GATT of THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Eddie Thomson sank back into the leather chair in the coffee room of his Melbourne hotel, winced a little, adjusted his glasses and took a gulp of coffee.

The suggestion that he was some kind of super coach — in the mould of Rugby League's Jack Gibson or Australian Football's Ron Barassi — had embarrassed the man behind Sydney City, Australia's premier national soccer club.

"Me a super coach? — och nae," Thomson replied. It was a typical reaction from one who has always gone out of his way to shun self-adulation.

Yet if ever someone deserves to get caught up in proud chestbeating it is the personable and respected 38-year-old Scot from Rosewell, a tiny coalmining village just outside Edinburgh.

Thomson, now firmly entrenched in the Australian way of life and Australia's assistant national coach, has guided Sydney City to four championships since he took over as coach in 1980 after two seasons with them as a player.

As he achieved the five premiership victories — it will be compared to Gibson's five League premierships, although Thomson cringes when his name is mentioned in the same breath as Rugby League's master coach.

"I'm no Jack Gibson, believe me," he said.

"You have to put things into perspective. He has got tougher opposition. He's got pro-

fessionals against him all the time. My job has been easier."

Maybe Thomson is right, but his job has been made easier only because of the time and work he puts into soccer.

It has all been done virtually on his own and without the obligatory large training off one associates with the big-time clubs in other codes.

"I like something to go on with," Thomson explained. "Of course I have assistants, but as long as they are good club men and don't cause me any hassles I am quite happy."

Thomson says he does not really know how, or why, his remarkable success has come about.

"The thing that I understand is that I have got a good eye for what I need," he said. "I know what I want in a player. And if a player doesn't come into that category I don't sign him."

"And if I don't see that somebody is coachable or prepared to be a team player then he's got nae place with me. So, basically, I have moulded a team — no individuals. I work on team play all the time."

"I very seldom coach individually. I always do it collectively. You get more out of talking to players as a group because they are all on the same wavelength."

Despite his success,

Thomson admits it has its drawbacks.

He said there were numerous times nowadays when he became bored with it all.

"Put it this way: when we won this season's championship — it wasn't the same feeling as the first two titles."

"Don't get me wrong. It is tremendous working with the players at City and the club has been great to me, but the challenge is not really there any more."

That is why Thomson is adamant that next season could be his last with the Slickers although he would find it hard to leave.

"The thing that keeps me going there is the social aspect," he said. "It's not just a good playing team. We mix well and enjoy each other's company. It is good to see the young players coming through the firsts."

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COACHES & MANAGERS FOR REP TEAMS

WESTERN NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION

Invitations are now being called for team officials for the Representative teams for season 1986.

We require team coaches and managers for the following Rep sides ...

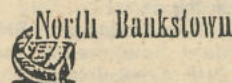
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CHIT CHAT

THE Penrith-NSL saga continues ... as yet nothing has been settled or discussed.

Penrith are quite adamant that they are taking the NSL to court and the rest but the real losers could be Canterbury-Marrickville.

As yet they are to be given the blessing of the ASF to enter the NSL and what with Penrith carrying on, the Greek-backed club is not certain what is going on.

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JOHN KOSMINA has been snared by a super-sports Marketing Group called "Powerplay".

A first for Soccer. But take it from us, POWERPLAY already has its sights trained on another Soccerroo.

We can't break confidence yet, but he plays outside on Kosmina's right at Sydney City.

Sorry but we can't be more FRANK than that.



'MITCH'

AUSTRALIA have not only disturbed the Israeli 'apple cart', but they have also thrown a spanner into the Scottish World Cup works it would seem.

Scotland's director of coaching, ANDY ROXBURGH went home to Scotland last week singing the praises of the Soccerroos yet much preferring a meeting against Israel.

No wonder!

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LIVERPOOL supporters, YOUR ATTENTION.

RON SPENCER, the Secretary of the 1st Branch of the Liverpool FC Supporters Club (situated in Geelong) will be in Sydney from November 1 to 9.

If you wish to make inquiries about joining or anything on the Reds, phone 02 646 2591 or drop a line to him on, 160 Nottingham Road, Lidcombe, NSW.

THE inevitable problems at airports occurred during the Australian visit to Israel.

Things started poorly enough when the Australians were late departing for Greece.

They got worse in Greece when GRAHAM ARNOLD and CHARLIE JURISIC (Team Physio) both bought videos there and were held up in customs over duty-free hassles and what-not.

But the icing on the cake was when Australia's Assistant coach, EDDIE THOMSON was apprehended by security guards at Ben Gurion Airport on Wednesday morning and was not allowed to fly with the main Aussie party.

A bag carrying Thomson's passport was stowed away in the hold of the plane when the Soccerroos booked in at the airline ticket desk.

To complicate matters he had defender Graham Jennings's boarding pass and keeper Terry Greedy's ticket.

Oh yes ... the Australians were over two hours late in getting back to Sydney also!

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IT was a sight to behold in that Tel Aviv match. 'Kossie' and 'Mitch' working relentlessly, handing out as much stick as they took.

More please fellas!

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WOLLONGONG certainly secured a coup when BHP announced they would pour \$90,000 into the club over a period of three years.

Admittedly it is near chicken feed to the \$300,000 they are giving to the Illawarra league outfit over the same period but what did the man once say?

'It's better than a kick in the pants!'

The Wollongong-BHP deal now means that BHP Steel International is the NSL club's major sponsor.

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TERRY GREEDY referring to Graham Arnold's golf-drives, "came of his line" rapidly with:

"If Graham played cricket, he would have an excellent cover-drive amongst his shots."

EDDIE THOMSON, Australia's assistant World Cup coach, has another "trade" to fall back on if he ever decides to part from Soccer.

Last week, the World Cup squad was allowed an afternoon off from squad training to go and see the Tennis or play some other sport for some recreation.

Terry Greedy, David (Bronson) Ratcliffe, Frank Farina, Graham Arnold and John Kosmina, together with "E.T.", slipped out to Sydney's Moore Park golf course for a laugh.

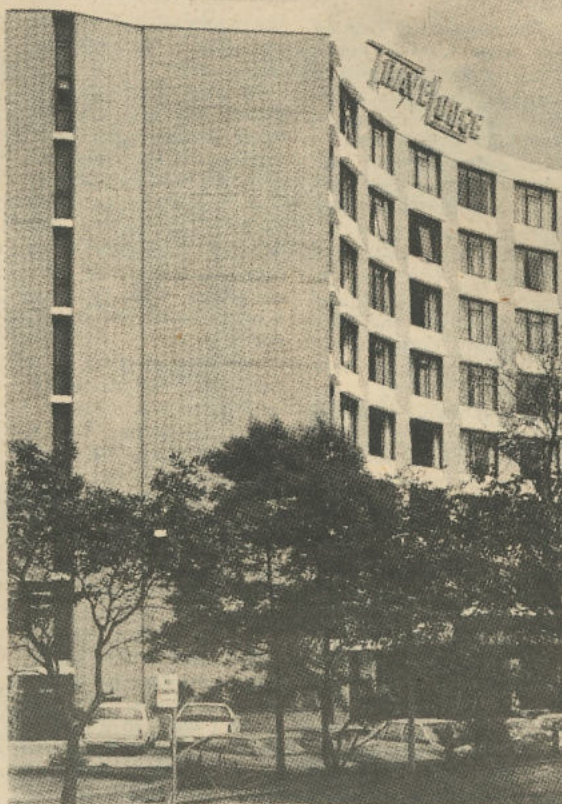
But at the end of the afternoon the Soccerroo players were not laughing.

Thomson scorched round the course to turn in a score of just ... ONE OVER THE CARD.

Despite persistent rumours that night, ASW ascertained that Thomson will not be departing from the Sydney Athletic Field for ST ANDREWS.

"I'm wedged in with Soccer and St Andrews is a fairway. I just can't link golf with Soccer as I could fall into a trap," Slamming Eddie told us.

WOOD that be right?



THE scene of the marauding of the Travelodge vending machine, Camperdown Travelodge in the heart of the city.

CAMPERDOWN TRAVELodge MOTEL, in Sydney, has a chocolate vending machine in the lobby, which was choc-a-block with Kit Kats and Mars Bars, BEFORE the Australian Soccerroos booked into training camp last week.

By 11.30pm the first night, the vending machine was empty. ASW spotted a trail of chocolate wrappers leading from the machine to rooms 313, 308 and 311.

St George, Brunswick-Juventus and South Melbourne Hellas boys have strong appetites for everything, including confectionery.

TO relieve the boredom of same-again training day after day, Soccerroo coach Frank Arok arranged an afternoon at the Custom Credit Tennis at Sydney's Entertainment Centre for his squad.

The players didn't exactly show great enthusiasm.

As one of them commented: "I wouldn't mind if the top players were there but they didn't enter."

Are we being spoiled? Don't stars like Lendal, Gomez, Annacone and Jarryd rate in world tennis?

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GREECE is well endowed with priceless historical ruins.

Whilst on a stop-over in Athens on their way to Israel, the Soccerroos stayed at a Hotel near the world-famous ruins of Acropolis.

ASW asked a Soccerroo defender what he thought of the Acropolis?

In all seriousness, the defender replied: "It's a bit run-down and could do with a clean-up."

Does that mean a bit of cement-rendering or even a coat of paint? MURDER.

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ISRAEL's World Cup coach, must be wondering what has he done to the Australian Soccer Press to deserve such treatment.

Would you believe his surname was spelt six different ways last week by FOUR different journo's???

The most likeable Yosef fellas, spells his surname MIRMOVITCH like this.

The only Sydney journo to hit it right was RAY GATT of the Sydney Morning Herald.



AUSTRALIA's much maligned captain, JOHN KOSMINA in action.

JOHN KOSMINA is a marketable sports commodity!

That's what we were told at an informal lunch thrown for the Australian skipper and the media at Camperdown Travelodge.

Kossie has come under the wing of a promotion company called "Powerplay International," and as an arm of the Dr Edelsten empire, the company is not short on ideas to publicise Kosmina.

A spokesperson for Powerplay said during the lunch: "I'm amazed nobody has marketed JOHN KOSMINA and other top soccer personalities before this."

Perhaps that's why the best-known Aussie soccer player is CRAIG JOHNSTON, who plays in England.

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YOU have to feel sorry for those Chinese Taipei World Cup players after conceding 21 goals in four matches against New Zealand and Israel.

Wouldn't it be a disaster if the Soccerroos were unable to hand out similar treatment to the men from Taiwan?

Although a bad result for Australia is unthinkable, there is always the danger that the Taipei team will have learned from heavy defeats and will have improved before meeting Australia in Adelaide and Sydney in the next few days.

But those crippling defeats may have had another effect. Maybe Taipei will have been so demoralised and sickened by it all that they'll virtually surrender when they play Australia.

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THE news that Israel were planning to bring a couple of hit-men for yesterday's match in Melbourne came as a bit of a surprise.

We at ASW thought they did pretty well in Tel Aviv on that scale if nothing else!

MARCONI coach LES SCHEINFLUG is not rushing into the transfer market even though he is keen to strengthen his squad for a big title challenge in 1986.

In about three weeks Marconi will move for new players but we understand they will tread carefully.

As Scheinflug said: "We have plenty of young potential talent and plenty of speed up front — so the target must be a brainy midfielder and he doesn't have to be a speed merchant."

Don't be surprised if Marconi find their man in Argentina.



LES SCHEINFLUG

FORMER national coach LES SCHEINFLUG would be quite happy if the Oceania World Cup group winners — hopefully Australia — lost to Scotland in the final elimination round in Glasgow.

"A win for Scotland by 1-0 would be a great result for Australia ... if we play the Scots," said Scheinflug adding, "but 0-0 would be even better."

It is an accepted fact that defeat by only one goal in the away leg of a two-legged tie is a good result for the beaten team.

ASW is sure Soccerroo coach FRANK AROK would settle for losing 1-0 in Glasgow.

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THE Press Conference at the Sydney Airport following the return of the Australian national squad revealed a few truths but it also showed goalkeeper Terry Greedy didn't lose his sense of humour although he collected a size 10!
NICE ONE GREEDS!

TERRY GREEDY certainly went further than his number one after his clash in the Tel Aviv match.

What do we mean? Well after being injured everyone was informed that 'Greeds' has received two stitches.

Next we heard it was five BUT finally it was seven, the Greedy household was on tenterhooks wondering when the count would finally stop!

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Whilst **FRANK AROK** tried this week to smooth out his problems with **ISRAEL'S JOE MIRMIVITCH**, the Israeli coach was not relenting.

The troubles came from an Arok allegedly calling the Israeli players 'mad dogs' in an interview after the Australian 2-1 victory, something which Arok says was good for the newspapers but certainly unfounded.

Mirmovitch however was having nothing of Arok's apologies and used the so-called quotes to fire up his team for yesterdays encounter.

We all know how useful they were, don't we.

CHARLIE JURISIC, Australia's very popular physiotherapist, is the Socceroos' most valuable personnel.

Players constantly bored when in training camps in their Motels, head straight for Charlie's room for treatment, entertainment and the latest Soccer news to break the monotony.

Once Charlie has booked into his Motel suite, he immediately 'sets up shop', unpacking all his pharmaceutical products and stacks them all around his bedroom, instantly converting his suite into a mini-hospital.

Charlie carries over 100 bottles of different pills, ointments, ray-lamps, rub-table, cough-mixtures, and heaps of chewing gum a favourite with players.

Within minutes of setting up shop, Charlie is buried by a stampede of players seeking ointments, rub-downs, gum or the latest jokes.

Charlie's room could be mistaken as a seen from T.V.'s MASH.

Yes..Charlie is the most valuable member of the Australian squad.

About the only thing that Charlie doesn't provide for the players is drinks.

The players Union though has that on its next agenda.

JUST a little peek back into the past as we see **STEFAN KAMASZ** when he played for Western Workers Bears in the Northern NSW First Division.

He was a most capable striker with a powerful shot and won his fair share of premierships with the black and whites.

Later he turned his hand to administration and before joining the NSL and ASF was the President of the Northern NSW Federation.

During those years he was most supportive of the Bill Turner Cup and was instrumental in arranging financial assistance from the Federation.

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MIKE PETERSEN, Brunswick-Juventus' Socceroo midfielder, could be on the move from his club for season 1986.

Although Mike still has a year to serve under his contract with the National-NSL Champions, our guess is he wants out.

Usually it is for financial reasons players want out, but we hear that is not one of Mike's problems.

Already the Victorian midfielder has been hit by two offers.

One from the West and another from the North.

News travels fast.



STEFAN KAMASZ



"Howya goin' mate!" ... We know Zarko's English is getting better John but surely he didn't need a typical Aussie greeting after returning from Israel ... he had to room with Jimmy Patikas, that was punishment enough!

WHO is the Soccer personality, when asked by a Travelodge waiter for his room number and name to sign on his drink bill?

Our personality nonchalantly told the waiter, (who incidentally 'played over the top' and wrote it down)....
"J.Bond, room 007."

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THE NEWS that SYDNEY OLYMPIC and CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE are considering plans for a merger is interesting.

Of course this may not go ahead for a couple of years yet, so the prospect of these two Greek-backed clubs playing next season could make for some fine derby matches.

With the support of both teams fairly plentiful, there should be a great atmosphere at their first meeting and hopefully a fine battle.

ONE TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

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ALAN DAVIDSON has to earn some sort of bravery award for playing vital World Cup matches while carrying a troublesome back injury.

During the memorable 2-1 Australian win over Israel in Tel Aviv, **FRANK AROK** asked Davo if he wanted to be taken off.

"When I die, you can take me off," said Davidson.

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AT last we know what the future holds for the National League ... a 24-team competition next year and then a 14-team comp in 1987.

We wish the NSL the best of luck. They'll certainly need it when they try to decide which 10 clubs get the axe.

ASW predicts there will be more bitterness and recrimination over that selection process than about anything in the stormy history of the National League.

THERE were plenty of players mooted for the vacant spot of Ken Murphy in the Aussie side.

Some or rather most went for Zarko Odzakovic (pictured below with ASW's John Economos) some said Tom McCulloch and others went for Jim Patikas.

Now we know who got the position, it was pretty obvious from the start, even the coach said so!

GRAHAM ARNOLD didn't get into much action on the field of play in Tel Aviv (none in fact) but he certainly got into some mischief at the Greek airport!



A TIP FROM ASW for next year.

MARCONI to go close to winning the National League.

WHY? That's easy, what with the experience already gained and some of the players they are chasing well let's just say that they'll be very hard to beat!

Also look forward to a season of helterskelter stuff as clubs attempt to prove their worth to the NSL for season 1987, remembering no less that 10 will be uncereemoniously dumped.

SBS have already done an amazing amount for soccer now they are after another coup in TV world.

They want to make a deal with ABC over the cricket rights. Good luck fellas!

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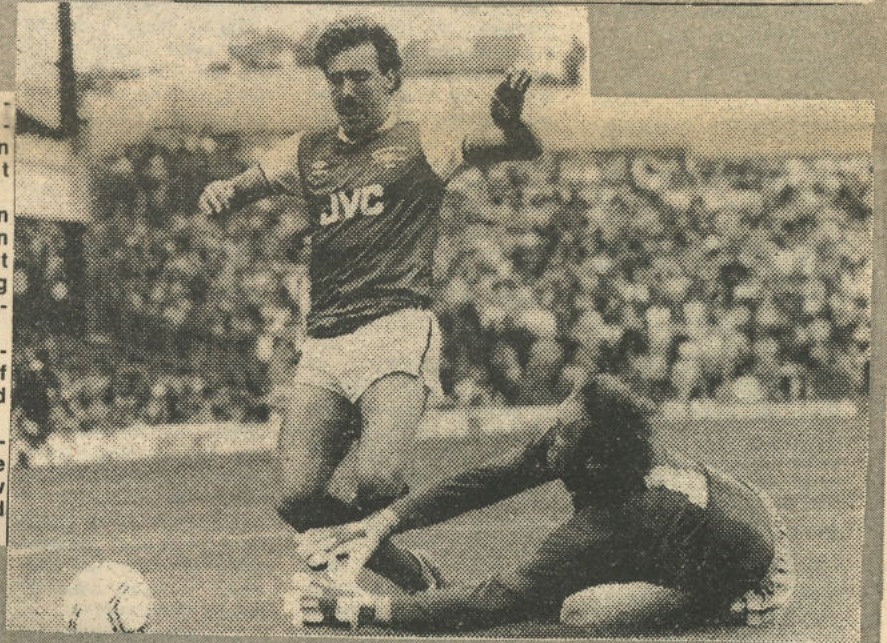
THE WORLD SCENE



LEFT: ITALY—Mark Hateley races away arms aloft in triumph after cracking AC Milan into the lead against Avellino.
ABOVE: ENGLAND—Gary Lineker has started the season in superb fashion for Everton.
RIGHT: SPAIN—BARCELONA take on OSASUNA and win 3-0, here we see Amirilla on the attack.



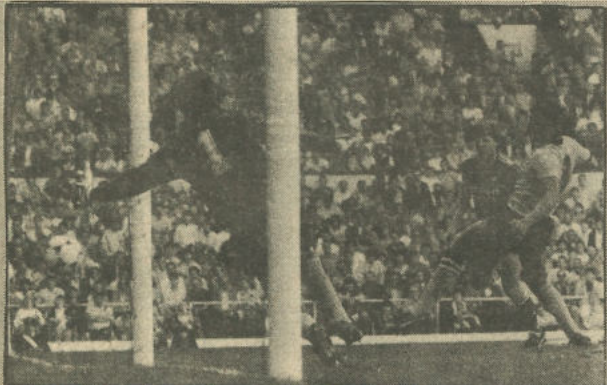
RIGHT: ENGLAND—PENALTY, Nottingham's Hodge sends Ian Allison sprawling at Highbury.
LEFT: SWEDEN—Glenn Strömberg of Sweden on the ball against Czechoslovakia during the World Cup qualifiers.
BELOW: ENGLAND—John Chiedoze of Spurs prances around after a goal.
BELOW RIGHT: SCOTLAND—Top of the table action as old Glasgow rivals, Rangers and Celtic do battle.



THROUGH THE LENS



ENGLAND—PAT NEVIN is brought down by Arsenal's David O'Leary during the 2-1 win by Chelsea during the big London match.



ENGLAND—Manchester United's biggest threats, Liverpool. Here Steve Nicol sneaks in a goal against Arsenal.



Celtic (hoops) and Dundee United have a duty to entertain television viewers this season.

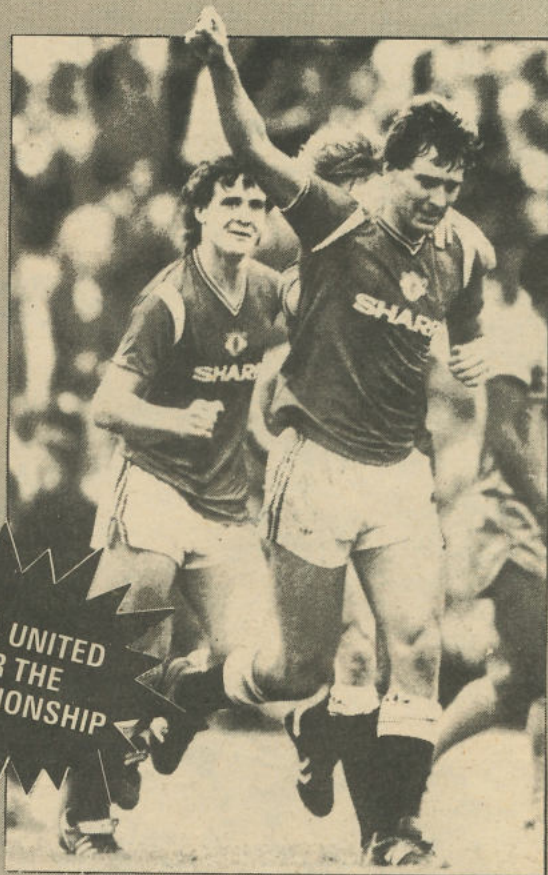


ENGLAND—WEST HAM'S new Scottish signing Frank McAvennie is having a terrific season. Here he celebrates another goal.

ENGLAND—Tottenham superstar, Chris Waddle celebrates.



ENGLAND—PAUL ALLEN of Spurs.



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ENGLAND—A bold prediction yes, but ASW is so impressed by the performance of the Red Devils, that we predict they will carry off the coveted championship.



ENGLAND—Arsenal's David O'Leary clears during his sides 3-2 defeat of Aston Villa.

BELOW: ENGLAND—Frank McAvennie in action for the Hammers.



STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: 10.2.64, Glasgow, Scotland.
HEIGHT: 5'8".
MARRIED: Single.
OCCUPATION: Full-time player.
PLAYING POSITION: Left-midfielder.
CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Auburn, Marconi, Apia.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: David Ratcliffe, Rod Brown, David Lowe, Kenny Dalglish and Bryan Robson.
FAVOURITE CLUBS: Penrith City, Sydney Croatia, Celtic and Leeds United.
CAR: Datsun 180 B.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "Not qualifying for the second round of the World Youth Championship in Mexico in 1983, having been knocked out by South Korea."
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: "My parents, Vic Dalglish, Doug Collins and Les Scherling."
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Golf and cricket.
FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Sylvester Stallone.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To be happy and healthy.
SUPERSTITIONS: Always put on my right sock and right boot first.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Beatles and INXS.
MAJOR INJURIES: Strained knee ligaments.
NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: "Israel was the team I feared most as they are most skillful and skills wins games, but we had a great win over them in Israel which was fantastic."



**TOMMY
 MCCULLOCH**

Fagan's exit rescues Craig

Craig Johnston, the Liverpool star haunted by controversy, has buried the hatchet in his reputation.

Johnston, 25, has ended his long-running war of words at Anfield and announced: "I'm staying with the best-run club in British football."

He added: "I've suffered from three bursts of unfortunate publicity in a short space of time — mainly because I speak my mind and when things are not the way I believe they should be, I'm prepared to stand up and be counted."

"But all I want to do now is get my head down and play the best football of my career for Liverpool."

It's no secret that Johnston and former manager Joe Fagan did not see eye to eye. And if Fagan still ruled the Anfield roost, Johnston would be starting the season with a new club!

Excitement

"The appointment of Kenny Dalglish has generated a tremendous air of excitement within the club. He is superb a natural for the job, and a man I respect and admire."

"Another masterstroke was the appointment of Bob Paisley behind him. The combination of their talents is capable of sparking great things over the next nine months."

"I've been here four years and my disagreements represent only a small period in that time. But they have made headlines and almost branded me with a bad name."

"I hear some people thought I'd named my baby daughter 'Chelsea' on the strength of the name of the football club. Nonsense! It's a popular American and Australian name. Football, or joining Chelsea, had nothing to do with it."

Johnston's decision is great news for the Liverpool fans who have received nothing but gloom and doom over the past few months.



ABOVE: When Joe Fagan handed over the managerial reins to Kenny Dalglish, Johnston made up his mind to stay.
RIGHT: Johnston's life outside football centres round photography.



Dalglish signs for Liverpool in August, 1977, watched by chairman John Smith (left), Bob Paisley and Peter Robinson.



And he has a special word for them: "I've never lost my respect for our fans — they follow us round in their thousands and the players respond to their great support."

Away from the traumas of football, Johnston secrets himself in his darkroom.

"I am heavily involved in photography — I love it. And enjoy all aspects of the art — taking pictures, developing them and printing them. It still gives me a great thrill to see the whole process complete, from snapping something through the lens to hanging up the finished print to dry."

But for the moment, it's football that comes first: "I've been in the game for ten years and I've yet to play a full season for any club."

"Injuries, arguments, even the birth of my daughter — lots of things have come up to interrupt my career."

"But I am sad that some people think I am something of a controversial character — nothing could be further from the truth."

"Right now I'm training until I drop, determined to play a big part in Dalglish's Liverpool — a team that will excite the whole nation."

'Dalglish — a natural for the job'

Johnston displaying the type of action-packed style the fans have come to expect of him.



SOCCER's RADIO MAN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JOSE MONTES, an Argentinian with a magnificent dry sense of humour who resides in Melbourne, is Australia's No 1 Soccer Radio man, who has done everything within his power to bring Soccer Live broadcasts, interviews and latest scores to his listeners.

Jose is the Senior Producer in charge of Sports on Victoria's Radio 3EA, the radio station arm of SBS.

Born in Buenos Aires, (we don't know when as it's a well-kept secret by Jose), this South American is a colourful, intelligent but above all most humorous personality.

We contacted Jose this week and fired a few questions to him:

A.S.W.: When did you first start in Radio?

Jose: "Would you believe as early as when I was 11 years old. So you can see I have knocked up a few years on the waves."

"I started here at Radio 3EA 10 years ago when the Station first went to air."

Jose produces five Soccer programmes per week for Victorian listeners.

The first show goes to air every Friday night at 11pm. This is the Soccer preview programme for that week-end's matches.

Every Saturday and Sunday at 6pm, Radio 3EA broadcasts all match results.

On Monday mornings at 6.30 am and again repeated at 11 pm that evening, Jose produces the Sports Round-Up show with match reports and further results.

ASW: Who do you think will win the 1986 World Cup?

Montes: "I think because the Cup finals are being played in Mexico, I am tempted to go for a South American country. The Cup winner has always been difficult to predict but I would go for Brazil."

"But then again this time an outside nation could crack it. Don't be surprised if Holland makes a strong showing if the qualify by beating Belgium."

ASW: Which players do you like playing in the NSL?

Jose: "I have always favoured skilled players and that is why I like Zarko Odzakov, Oscar Crino and Zoran Ilioski. They all have tremendous skills and are all a pleasure to watch operate."

ASW: What makes Radio 3EA such a special Soccer station?

Jose: "We bring into Australia so many Live broadcasts of international matches from all over the world."

"For example in the 1982 World Cup we brought in Live every match played."

"Our broadcasts are done in some 54 different languages."

"That is one reason why our Station's motto

kicks off with 'THIS IS RADIO 3EA THE SOCCER STATION'....good enough reason?"

ASW: What about your favourite past stars?

Jose: "There are many. But you can't go past Pele, Garrincha and Onega Argentina's best midfielder in the 1966 World Cup."

"And as far as past good Australian players I liked Harry Williams,

John Margaritis and Peter Ollerton."

Jose who follows religiously his home club River Plate back home, added one of the world's greatest stars who came from River Plate.

Alfredo Di Stefano.

Jose Montes is a very valuable man to Australian Soccer who works hard with monotonous regularity to promote the code and bring an excellent service to all Soccer fans.



JOSE MONTES stresses a point during one of his colourful 3EA programmes.

INDOOR NEWS:
PICTURED BELOW is the Australian National Indoor squad prior to departing for Spain for the World Indoor Championships. In their first match Australia went down 3-0 to Uruguay but played an impressive match. In the opening match of the tournament Spain thrashed Canada 9-1.



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MOST TEAMS go off on an end of season trip and MARCONI were no exception.

A lot of players not only in Australia but all around the world consider the end of season jaunt one of the highlights of the season and again MARCONI were no exception.

Let's just say, you had to be there to believe it!

IN BRIEF: LUDO COECK, the Belgian international midfielder, was tragically killed in a car crash in Antwerp last week. Coeck, who played 46 times for Belgium, was a player with the Acoli club in Italy when he died.

He previously had played for Inter Milan but was transferred from Inter when Liam Brady and Karl Heinz Rummenigge were signed.

Most of Ludo Coeck's soccer fame was achieved in his native Belgium where he was a key member of the successful Anderlecht team.

He joined Anderlecht when he was 18 and enjoyed 10 successful years with them during which time the Brussels club won the European Cup Winners Cup twice and the UEFA Cup.

Coeck's fatal accident happened when he was driving from Antwerp to Brussels by freeway and his vehicle collided with another car and a lorry.

He died in hospital at the age of 30 two days after the accident.

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BRAZIL WINS WORLD YOUTH TITLE
BRAZIL are the 1985 World Youth Championship winners, having beaten Spain 1-0 in a disappointing final in Moscow.

Conditions were against the Brazilians, who had to play in a hot and humid climate. Brazil, a nation which produces the most gifted players in the world, lost the trophy, they were in Mexico two years ago.

Spain fought well but were out of sync in the 10th minute. Brazil's goal was scored by a 16-year-old striker, Ronaldo, who was named the tournament's best player.

The only goal of the match came during extra time, the score being 1-0. Brazil's Ronaldo scored the winning goal in the 10th minute of the 90 minutes.

After the match, Ronaldo was named the tournament's best player. He was 16 years old and was the youngest player to score a goal in the tournament.

Spain was very disappointed. They had been the favourites to win the tournament. They had won the tournament in 1983.

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NOW IT'S AUSTRALIA

THEY all said it couldn't happen in Australia, following the violence that erupted in Brussels during the European Cup Final.

But it did happen at Sydney's Pratten Park. Although there were no deaths as in Rome, the disturbance was equally disgusting.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Fans invaded the pitch in the 36th minute of the match between Sydney Olympic and Sydney City. Sydney Olympic's star striker and crowd puller, Marshall Soper, was shown a red card and by the referee Ken Smith.

A scuffle had developed between Sydney Olympic's captain, Eddie Thomson, and Sydney City's captain, John Kinnear. Thomson was sent off for a second yellow card.

When the two players clashed again, Thomson was sent off for a second yellow card.

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PROVAN SHOWS CLASS

Olympic's special guest made a spectacular debut in the first leg.

OLYMPIC GAIN A SPONSOR
— JOHN ECONOMOS
SYDNEY OLYMPIC have announced a major sponsorship of \$12,000 from the Fashion of the Future, a fashion design and manufacturing company.

The company, which is based in Sydney, has been in the business for over 10 years. It has a reputation for producing high-quality, fashionable clothing.

The sponsorship will be used to help the club with its operating costs. It will also be used to help the club with its marketing and promotion.

The club's manager, John Kinnear, said that the sponsorship was a great boost for the club. He said that it showed that the club was a professional and successful organisation.

The club's players and staff were delighted with the sponsorship. They said that it was a great honour to be sponsored by such a well-known company.

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DRAMA IN THE WORLD CUP

WITH ALL the horror of the World Cup, there is now a serious doubt on whether or not next year's World Cup Finals will be staged in Mexico or not.

ASW was today informed that FIFA would inspect the stadiums of the proposed World Cup host countries.

It was reported that the inspection would be carried out by a team of FIFA officials. They would be looking for any signs of corruption or other problems.

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STRALIA TO OR DIE

World Cup aspirations for Mexico will be severely dented if pick up at least a point in Tel Aviv on Wednesday morning.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

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AUSTRALIA ISSUES ULTIMATUM!

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THE GENERAL AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

THE GOOD OL' DAYS!

BACK in 1974 Australia qualified for the World Cup matches in Germany and on arrival had the use of a modern coach to travel around the country.

The picture here is of team-mates and good friends Col Cussan and Ray Baartz who both played for some time with Adamstown Rosebuds in the Northern NSW First Division.

Also at the World Cup was Rosebud supporter Ron Bown who like many others could see no other team than the red and greens. The club had, stickers printed with the words "up the town" clearly shown.

Ron took hundreds of stickers with him and the words "up the town" were stuck everywhere from Newcastle to Ham-

burg. He stuck one of the back of the Australian coach, and the photo shows Col and Ray pointing to it at one of the stopovers.

Nobody was too important for Ron Bown. He even sidled up to the great Pele and gave him a sticker and a kangaroo pin to put on his coat.

Col Curran played some of his greatest football during those World Cup matches. Ray who had been karate chopped in a previous international was sent by the ASF but he went only as a spectator.



BUNNY AND BAARTZY

PRESENTATION NIGHT A SELL OUT

THE Presentation night for the Northern NSW Soccer Federation to be held at the Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club on Saturday night November 2 is already a sell out.

The office staff of the Federation, Helen Lewis, Narelle Dean and Simone Nicod have been inundated with requests for tickets.

The evening is expected to be very colourful with each club coming to decorate their tables during the afternoon and seeking the

special award being offered for the "Best Decorated Table".

Guest speaker Rick McCosker has assured the organisers that his

speech will be entertaining and informative.

Already there is considerable speculation as to whom will be the winners of the two big awards of the night, Player of the Year and Coach of the Year.

Player of the Year nominations have been narrowed down to Ken Beran, Lake Macquarie City, Robbie Green, West Wallsend, Dale Rowney, Cardiff and Mark Walmsley, Belmont-Swansea.

The Treloar Coach of the Year will be selected from Warren Anderson, Cardiff, Keith Marris, West Wallsend, Ray Lamb, Central Coast, Neville Power, Adamstown Rosebuds and Greg Smith, Belmont-Swansea.

One of the features sure to please those who attend will be the souvenir programme being prepared. It will comment on all teams playing Federation football in 1985 and give additional state wide information.

Spotlights and fanfare music will give a special dimension to all award winners. Radio personality Bill Bassington has agreed to compete the evening.

SOCCER DYNASTY

ANYONE who hasn't heard the name Lennard in connection with Australian Soccer isn't really a soccer buff at all.

But, soccer buff or not, you could be forgiven for passing over the name of Lisa Fairlie. And that is where you would be missing one of the piquant soccer stories of the century.

You see, Lisa is the great granddaughter of Perc Lennard, known to his soccer friends and enemies as "First Timer", and the granddaughter of Jack Lennard, the record-breaking Cessnock stalwart of the fifties and sixties. Lisa's mother is Cath, sister of David and Peter who both played for Cessnock in this decade and no doubt will again.

Cath married Gary Fairlie, himself a veteran of more than two hundred first grade appear-

ances for Cessnock.

Lisa doesn't play soccer but she is definitely carrying on the family tradition. Every Saturday or Sunday at Cessnock she dons her "Hornet" strip of gold and black and does what she enjoys doing at every home game. She runs the line as a ballperson and does it very efficiently too.

So what you might ask?

The fact is that Perc Lennard started the family tradition by playing four hundred and ten games for Cessnock and Mayfield. Jack played an Australian record of over four hundred and ninety matches with Cessnock, his only club in a long distinguished

career.

During his stint with Cessnock he represented his state and Australia many, many times. In 1960 he was a member of the Cessnock side which contained five Australian internationals and six state players, a team that was acknowledged as the best in Australia at the time. (Many would say it was the best club team ever.)

If you were to take an aggregate of matches played by Perc, Jack, Gary, David and Peter Lennard you would come up with a total well over a thousand. And Lisa is part of that story. With a tradition like that and someone like Lisa to carry it on how can soccer fail?



Belmore Boys High School who finished equal-third in the 1985 Bill Turner Cup competition. They drew 3-3 with Tamworths, Oxley High in the play off.

Back Row: Ronald Rosenberg, Mark Lisgaris, John Gibson, Nick Restaino, Louie Triantafyllou, Tung Dang.

Middle Row: Mr. Terry Hampton, Senior Co-ordinator, Mr. Trevor Hamilton Coach, Spiro Pantzouris, Mathew Garifalakis, Harold Maksoudian, Kooli Tsihlis, Mr. Chris Presland Manager.

Front Row: Tony Sica, Dennis Tsakonas, George Kavouris, Peter Rotundo, George Georgoupoulos.



Runners up in the 1985 Bill Turner Cup, Glendale High who lost a thrilling final to Canberra High 1-0 at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Wednesday night August 21. Glendale have made it to the final three times now, winning in 1981 and being Runners up in 1982 and 1985.

Back Row: John Mortimer, Scott Morgan, Jamie Aratoon, Paul Coutts (Captain), Kevin Murrell, Scott Payne.

Middle Row: Mr. Greg Miller Manager, Andrew Schneider, Michael Bolch, Mark Davidson, Phillip Mullard, Mr. Jim Gilbert Coach.

Front Row: Gary Wilson, Paul Gascoine, Paul Evans, Jason Lowe, Aaron Armstrong.

WHISTLE STOP

MEET Tom Brennan, who has given over fifteen years to soccer in Newcastle as a class one referee.

As usual, a number of players tried their luck at putting it over him when he first began his career with the whistle but they had little success.



More was their consternation when they discovered that in fact he was Father Tom Brennan, teaching priest at St Pius X College. He was later to be appointed the principal.

As a teacher, administrator, priest or referee Tom is always firm and fair with a natural tendency for understanding.

These days he is parish priest at Waratah a suburb of Newcastle and continues to enjoy refereeing each weekend.



CANBERRA HIGH: Winners of the 1985 Bill Turner Cup. They defeated Glendale High 1-0 in the final played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point. They are

Back Row: Damien Jugovic, Cu Nyegan, Andrew Smith, Phillip Pizzano, Paul Yates.

Middle Row: Martin Lenz, Vincent Giannasca, Robert Beveridge, Cameron Tully, Mr. Grant Bywater Coach, Mr. Terry Hampton Senior Co-ordinator.

Front Row: Tony Vidakovic, Boungnavath Xaypanga, Anthony Giannasca (Captain), Douglas Marcina, Tony-Rubino.



1—1971, ALAN MARNOCH rises to head clear for Hakoah-Easts against Wests.

2—1971, Marnoch carries off the spoils of victory following a Hakoah win over Ryde in the Cup Final.

3—A clash of two titans, Hakoah's stopper right, emphasises a point to Marconi striker in the 1973 Grand Final at the Sports Ground.

4—Bursting away from Greek forward Adiniou in the 1969 Cricket Ground clash. Johnny Warren is in support.

5—Going in where it hurts. Marnoch is lucky to still have his head as he challenges South Coast rival, Ivan Gruicic at Wentworth Park in 1971 in a very curious manner.

6—Marnoch in complete control during the '69 clash with Greece.



'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'



ALAN MARNOCH, was one of the greatest centre-backs in Australian soccer history. Scottish-born Marnoch was a key man in the Socceroos' 1969 World Cup challenge.

However, injuries and inability to get time off work for tours prevented him from extending his commitment to the Socceroos.

Marnoch was a staunch defender for Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs (now Sydney City) for many a year and his no-nonsense defensive play thwarted many a top-class forward.

It was generally acknowledged that Marnoch's absence along with that of Walsh in the 1969 match in Tel Aviv against Israel, contributed in a major way to the loss by the Aussies.

Without his renowned tackling the Socceroos were left dreaming of what might have been.

— FRANK COLETTA.



ON THE WRITE LINE . . .

WHAT AN EFFORT

Dear Sir,

THE performance of the Soccerroos against Israel will obviously be hailed as our greatest World Cup victory and as our best match ever abroad. Such comments will be well deserved by a team which showed the virtues of the "Aussie" fighting spirit.

The play of the much maligned John Kosmina, Joe Watson and David Mitchell was first class and should cause at least a few journalists and critics to eat their words. Those who criticised Kosmina's play in the New Zealand match should thank their lucky stars that Frank Arok chose to ignore them. Mitchell has surely proven to one and all that he is much more than "only a replacement" for Marshall Soper and that, had he been available, he would have commanded automatic selection in the team. Critics have screamed that Watson is too old for World Cup duty must now reassess their criteria for judging a good and valuable player after witnessing his "man-of-the-match" performance.

To single out three players is hardly fair since this victory was the result of the hard work of the entire team and they were probably a little unlucky not to have won by a greater margin. The reported crowd of 45,000 partisan supporters of the home team must have made them feel very uncomfortable indeed. To have produced such a positive result under the circumstances deserves every word of praise that can be mustered.

It was a shame that a playing accident which resulted in seven stitches caused Terry Greedy to leave the field early but the positive element of this was that Jeff Oliver gained his first taste of World Cup play and he did so with distinction. Jennings' overlapping was much better than it had been in the previous match and his defensive play was uncomprising. Davidson's attacking contribution was limited but his close marking and tackling were very effective.

There was a suggestion in his play that Steve O'Connor had not fully recovered from his injury. Charlie Yankos performed below his usually very high standard and David Ratcliffe, as usual, did everything expected of him with extreme efficiency.

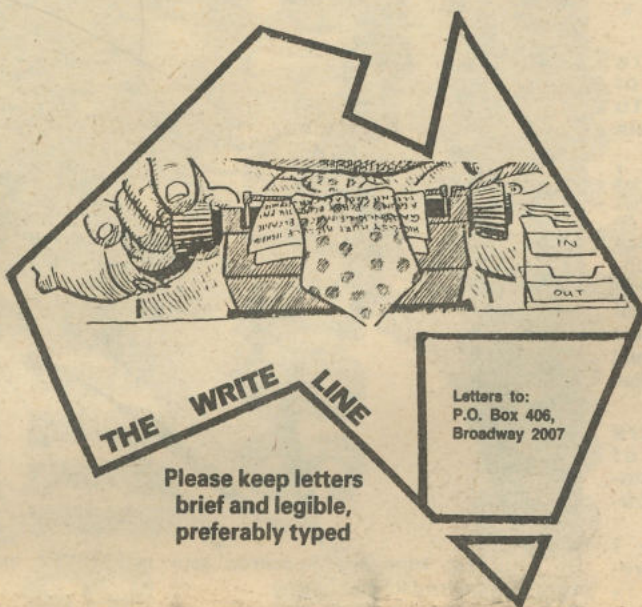
The midfield trio of Watson, Ken Murphy and Oscar Crino were very effective especially in breaking up the Israeli attacking movements before they reached the back line players and then starting quick counter attacks.

Disappointingly, the only good service to Kosmina and Mitchell came from the flanks. If the Soccerroos are to avoid becoming predictable, the midfielders must find a way of providing good quality service to the strikers through a more direct attacking plan. A healthy mixture of flank and direct attacks would make this team even more effective than they are at present. If, in addition, the midfielders were encouraged to shoot for goal more often, not only would the winning of the Oceania group be easier, but the increased fire power and unpredictability of the Soccerroo attack could upset the well drilled Scots.

The serious misconduct of Frank Arok must be dealt with immediately. If a coach in our domestic competition performed as

Arok did in showing dissent and open disapproval of the referee, he would almost certainly face disciplinary action. The fact that Arok was ordered from the bench cannot be ignored or quietly swept aside on the grounds that Australia won the match. Arok's dismissal left the Soccerroos without their maestro and greatly increased the burden on his less-experienced (but very successful) assistant, Eddie Thomson. If Arok escapes action it may encourage others, at all levels of the game, to imitate him and the consequences could be very serious.

Arok's credibility was shaken after his comments immediately following the New Zealand match. The Soccerroos should clearly have won that match by two goals and yet Arok said that he was very happy with the draw. If he thinks that the public is so ignorant that they will accept everything that he says as gospel, he is in for a very rude awakening.



It cannot be said that Arok is not a good coach. His record with both St George and the Soccerroos is very good. However, his comments to the media in New Zealand and to the referee in Israel can only serve to shake public confidence in him. With two matches gone there are two blots on his copy book. The Soccerroos must play six more matches if they are to qualify for the finals. If the Australian Soccer Federation acts quickly and effectively to prevent a repetition of, or an addition to, these two actions by the coach they may restore the flagging public confidence in themselves and their coach as well as show support for the efforts of the players.

The Soccerroos have covered themselves which glory with this win away from home and against opponents the "experts" said were far superior. If they can repeat performances of this quality, and improve on them, there is every reason to believe that they will win the Oceania group and provide a very real threat to Scotland's hopes of going to Mexico.

Barry Davis,
Macquarie Fields, NSW.

ED - You've said it all.

ASW & YOUTH LEAGUE FAN

Dear Sir,

I ENJOY reading ASW and have not missed an issue ever since it was first published.

Also, the fact that it can be purchased on Monday is an added bonus. I am convinced that the standard of the paper has greatly improved recently, with its extra pages of information and interesting facts.

The only thing the ASW is lacking in my view, is a proper coverage of the National Youth League.

I think the publishing of the team sheets, best players etc, would encourage the young players as well as inform the reader.

Whilst not detracting from junior or women's soccer, it must be noted that the NYL is of far greater interest, after all it contains players who will ultimately make up the future NSL stars of tomorrow.

David Peterson,
Maroubra, NSW.

ED - Thank you for your kind words. On the issue regarding the Youth League — it must be stressed though that ASW wants more coverage of the NYL and will be endeavouring to get more next season.

NOT AN HAPPY AUSSIE

Dear Sir,

FIRST, above all I'd like to tell you as to how much I've enjoyed your magazine over the years.

I'm yet to miss an issue, keep up the good work. Now I feel the urgent need to express my concern on the current way the National team is being chosen and run by Frank Arok.

It's beyond me as to how some players are always in the team, regardless of their form.

One example . . . it sickened me to watch the Australia — NZ game. Watching Murphy the main culprit, making mistakes every time he got the ball, that player is a disgrace to the green and gold jersey; to make matters worse he can't even speak Australian.

You need 10 translators to pick up his Scottish accent, and on top of that you've got the most gifted player AUSTRALIAN BORN Mike Petersen sitting on the bench.

Add to that Joe Watson, David Mitchell, Ratcliffe and Zarko Odzakov who can't even speak English and you get Tommy McCulloch, Frank Farina, Jim Patikas, Graham Arnold, sitting on the bench.

While players like Robert Wheatley, Peter Tredinnick, Peter Raskopoulos, not even being picked to represent their own country, and then you wonder as to why the Australian public don't support the National team.

V. Sulevski,
Wollongong, NSW.

ED - Some of your points are valid but whilst the results are being attained who can argue about the team selection!

But there is absolutely no way you can have a go at Ken Murphy not being able to speak AUSTRALIAN, because just in case you haven't been told there is no such language!

SCOTS KNEW, NOT KNOW

Dear Sir,

THE headline of a story a fortnight ago 'Scots know a thing or two about Soccer', should have read 'Scots knew'.

What goes on in the field nowadays is only a poor imitation of what Scots knew about the game. Today is my 79th birthday.

I played on Hampden Park in the Scottish Amateur Cup Final in 1930 before turning professional with Maryhill in the Glasgow and district junior league. I have more experience of football than anyone else in Australia. I saw stars galore in my day but now one only sees teams playing.

Rangers had Alan Morton the 'Wee Blue Devil'. Those two were celebrities in a land of stars. Stevenson and Ferrier of Motherwell were the greatest wing combination in Scotland but were closely followed by others.

You have heard of the Wembley Wizards. Here was a team which had as a forward line a tall thin speedy outside right Alec Johnson (Aberdeen) and four midgets Tim Dunn (Hibernian) Hughie Gallacher (Newcastle Un) Alex James (Arsenal) and Alan Morton (Rangers) and they beat the might of England 5-1 on their own Wembley turf by sheer football magic.

In those days there were no coaches, just managers and trainers but you saw players displaying skills that are now long forgotten. All you see now mostly defensive team-work and half the passes are backwards. Goalkeepers hold up the game till their mates can get back up the field which is just like basketball.

The American league has flopped and after watching the Brazil v England game the great Pete said, 'Where are the players?'
William (Bill)
McArthur
Brunswick, Vic.

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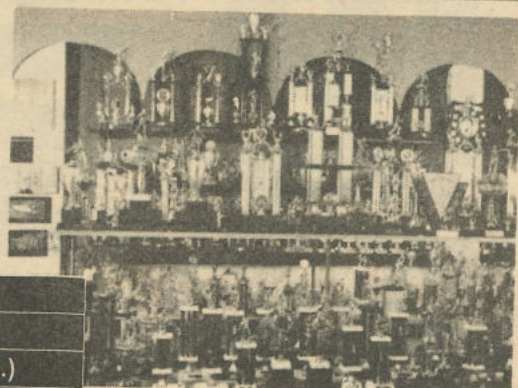
Youth League trials will be held on the following dates:

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KRNCEVIC — THE KILLER INSTINCT

THIS YEAR, Eddie Krncevic came to Australia to play as a guest for Sydney Croatia. At that time, ASW's Editor FRANK COLETTA spoke in length to the talented striker for this interview.

THERE was but 10 seconds remaining as Eddie Krncevic swooped onto the ball, turned and buried his shot past Terry Greedy to save Sydney Croatia from the jaws of defeat against Frank Arok's St George side.

That was in late June of this year when the now Belgian-based Krncevic, made one of his three guest appearances for Sydney Croatia.

Only the day before Krncevic had demoralised a weak Wollongong City side, scoring two goals and making another in a 5-1 romp.

Here he expresses his thoughts on pertinent soccer matters after two matches (v Wollongong and St George) in Australia:

ASW: Eddie, you've been away from Australia for some time now. After two matches now do you detect much change?

EDDIE: I'd say the game has got faster over here. As you say I have been away for a while but it seems a lot quicker than previously.

ASW: How does the style differ from what you are used to in Belgium?

EDDIE: The speed is about the most important difference. Over there you have time to dwell on the ball a bit and use your skill, here it is too much of the kick and chase.

Admittedly though I have been playing a fair bit in the midfield in Germany and Belgium so that could have a lot to do with the way I perceive the game here.

ASW: Surely there are other differences.

EDDIE: Oh yes. The tackling here is ruthless. Badly timed and very dangerous, but you learn how to keep out of trouble in Europe. Here I collected a heap of whacks in just two games.

Also another notable difference would have to be the state of the grounds. It was murder out there (on the Croatian Sports Centre), the ball was bouncing everywhere. It made controlling the ball near impossible and yet the surface of the Croatian ground is one of the better ones in NSW. The Australian players do really well to put together a decent game on those grounds.



YOUNGSTER

ASW: Is it possible that you may have become a little spoilt with the conditions of grounds and facilities in Europe?

EDDIE: I'd say so. But if Australian soccer is to get anywhere these are the type of things that have to be looked at.

ASW: Having played these two games with Croatia now, how do they rate?

EDDIE: They are the best I've seen at coping with the fast pace of Australian soccer. Being a skilful side it quite surprises me how they

are doing so well.

ASW: How do they compare them against that classy '79 outfit of Marconi?

EDDIE: Hard to say really. I think that Marconi side was probably better. You see it had just about everything. With Vieri working the midfield we were able to attack from just about anywhere on the park, but this Croatian side is a good one.

ASW: Was there ever any chance of your returning to Marconi during this visit?

EDDIE: No chance. I have certain reasons for not wanting to return to Marconi. But I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. The players, fans and most officials were great but I don't think I could have gone back this time round.

ASW: What are the chances of Eddie Krncevic coming back to Australia permanently?

EDDIE: I can't say. I am enjoying my professional game in Europe too much I think to come back. If someone would put up the money that would be asked for by Brugge I might be back. But I doubt it.

ASW: The question everyone wants answering is, what is, and has been, the situation concern-



On returning from the Socceroo tour in '81 that encompassed Asia, Eddie does the Chinaman impression.

ning the Australian team and yourself?

EDDIE: It is pretty simple really. I would play for Australia whenever called to. In fact when I left for Yugoslavia to play for Dinamo Zagreb, Frank Arok made it a point of contacting me to tell me to put a clause in my

contract saying I must be released for Australian matches, which was totally unnecessary because it is a FIFA rule that a player must be released to play for his country anyway.

ASW: So what happened last year with MSV Duisburg?

EDDIE: That was a different story. Whilst Zagreb were not going to challenge me in my attempts to play for the Socceroos, Duisburg were not so relenting. It took me two weeks of negotiations with them to get a clause in the contract. I went to a lot of trouble in fixing the contract up to play for Australia but Frank Arok didn't bother to contact me whilst he was in Europe in December.

It seemed to me from the start that he didn't really care, but who knows?

He said he didn't intend using overseas players, but David Mitchell and Alan Davidson are in the squad.

ASW: Where to now for Eddie Krncevic?

EDDIE: Well I just want to continue to consolidate my position with Brugge and then maybe a move to Italy. I was really disappointed when the deal with Pisa fell through. I was looking forward to going to Italy to play with Pisa but it was on the conditions set by the Pisa president that if they stayed in Serie A (1st Division) I would join them but they

'YES I'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN WORLD CUP CAMPAIGN'.

EDDIE: Yes I'd like to be a part of Australia's World Cup campaign.

Unfortunately it seems Krncevic and Frank Arok have had a falling out since then. It is claimed that Krncevic contacted Arok prior to the World Cup qualifiers and said he was only prepared to play in the matches against Israel, something, if true, which would be totally irresponsible and impossible.

Krncevic has played for Juventus Juniors, Melbourne Croatia, Marconi, Dinamo Zagreb, MSV Duisburg and Cercle Brugge.

Krncevic has played 33 times for Australia and scored 17 goals from a span of 1979 to 1981.

He went from Melbourne Croatia to Marconi for \$9,000, Marconi to Zagreb for \$30,000 and then to Duisburg for \$40,000. His transfer fee in joining Brugge is not known but is supposed to be well above the Duisburg price.

It is hoped that if Australia make it to Mexico then Eddie Krncevic will be with them.

dropped into the 2nd Division and that was that. It would have been the perfect move for me, the lifestyle and the place was perfect but it was not to be.

ASW: Anything else?



Giving the Czechoslovakian keeper heaps in '80 during the memorable 2-2 draw by the Socceroos.

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KRNCEVIC troubles the Newcastle United defence during the halcyon Marconi days back in the late '70's. Krncevic says not many teams in Australia could have touched that one.

BOTH THESE STORIES ARE REPRODUCED COURTESY OF THE LONDON MIRROR. The Wolves story tells of a once great club now battling to stay alive and the Soccer Going Bust tells of the fate that may befall the great game.



McGARRY: 'I happen to believe in this club.'

THE MILKMAN who told Wolves they can now pay weekly instead of daily probably doesn't appreciate the boost he gave to soccer's most embattled club.

But at Molineux, where the bailiffs hover at the front door and there is precious little other than pride left to hump out the back door, that little thing meant a lot.

It showed someone at least believes the existence of a once-great club might be long-term rather than day-by-day.

Bill McGarry shared the view. Two weeks ago he turned his back on a secure coaching job in Africa to return to Wolves—where decay and despair have been walking hand in hand.

When he left, sacked in 1976, his side had lost a fight to stay in the First Division company of Liverpool, Manchester United, Tottenham and Arsenal.

But the profit on the year was around £160,000 and Wolves were healthy in the black.

At the time, a brand-new stand seemed more than a good idea. It was a necessity.

Crippling interest rates, directors who panicked and mysterious new owners who couldn't get the planning permission they

How the milkman helped Wolves find some bottle



By HARRY MILLER

needed saw disaster follow disaster.

McGarry's appointment has been compared to getting command of the German armies hours before the fall of Berlin.

Yet he defiantly declares: "It's no good me moaning about what I haven't got. I knew what I was getting into."

"I happen to believe in this club. Just like Eddie Clamp's mother, who is still washing the kit here after nearly 30 years."

What wouldn't McGarry give now for a Clamp—a wing half who terrorised opponents as he won medals with Wolves and caps for England.

The reality of the way things have changed at Wolves since he took

them to a UEFA Cup final, a League Cup triumph, an FA Cup semi-final and a couple of championship challenges came home to McGarry yesterday.

He wanted to take his inexperienced team away this weekend on a four-day "getting to know each other" trip.

The idea was to follow Saturday's game at Plymouth with a friendly at Truro.

It would involve an

extra £350 in travelling costs, however, and the venture is in serious jeopardy.

McGarry, at 54, admits his approach has altered. In the old days experienced internationals knew he regarded losing as being close to a crime.

Wolves have no sponsor. Thirty-eight of the 40 executive boxes in the fine new stand that is a good 30 yards too far away from the pitch remain empty.

The big social club next to Molineux has the "For-Sale" boards outside and the problems pile up.

Yet even after three successive defeats, McGarry refuses to be deflated. "There is a public for this club," he says. "Only a couple of weeks ago we had more than 11,000 against Walsall."

"If Wolves go, football in this country will never be the same. It mustn't happen."

'If Wolves go, football will never be the same. It mustn't happen'

SOCCER'S GOING BUST



By HARRY HARRIS

SOCCER looks set to lose one-and-a-half million fans this season.

And the jobs of hundreds of players are on the line as the effects of last season's disasters at Bradford and Brussels plus the Birmingham riot take their toll.

Even top Football League clubs are feeling the pinch.

Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson claims: "If gates continue to decline at their present rate for any length of time, then we're all going bust."

Attendances at Anfield are already ten per cent down on last season's overall figure and the club plan crisis talks before Christmas unless the trend is reversed.

Liverpool could consider releasing as many as a dozen players . . . and other clubs may be forced to follow suit—and even axe entire youth teams.

Robinson said: "I'm not surprised that gates are down, even as badly as they are, after what happened in Bradford, Brussels and Birmingham."

Serious

"I'm hoping we can arrest the slide, but if we cannot then we stand to lose £200,000 this season in League gates alone."

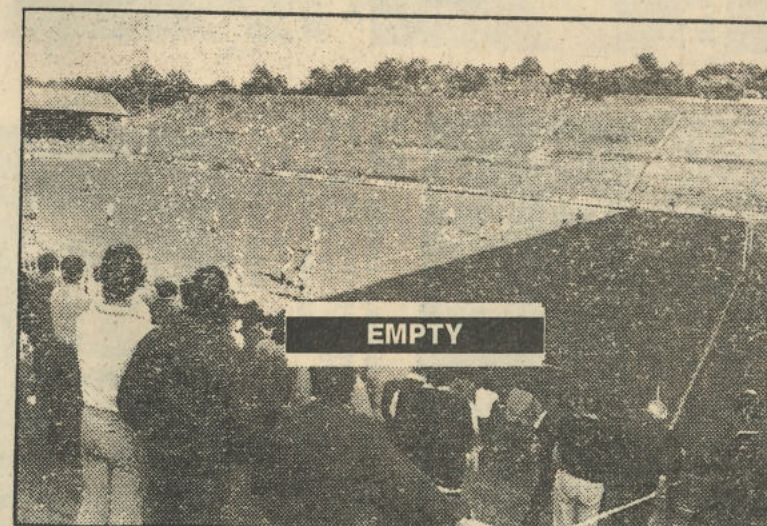
Together with the lack of revenue from Europe, no TV money, and not even the ability to play friendlies in Europe, we're going to be in big trouble.

"The situation is very serious here. It's worse in London. The clubs there are suffering equally big losses at the turnstiles, some even bigger than us. But admission prices here are a lot cheaper than at some London clubs."

Football League gates are down nine per cent on last season. If the trend continues 1.6 million fans will desert the game in 1985-6.

Robinson adds: "We're appraising the situation. We may soon have to start making decisions."

"The main area of expenditure is players'



EMPTY TERRACES: Where have the missing millions gone?

wages. We may have to operate with fewer players. We may have to think about free transfers.

"Foreign clubs operate on first-team squads of 16 or 18 players. Top clubs in this country, including ourselves, may have to follow suit."

"We have 32 players on our books. Many of them may have to go. There's no alternative. We may even have to

consider doing away with our junior team. A lot of young players would suffer. What can we do? It will have to be considered."

"Our finances are sound because we've accumulated success over a number of years. But even Liverpool cannot go on indefinitely suffering falling gates."

"It would mean recruiting our players from non-League or

smaller clubs. But our first priority is to maintain the strongest possible first-team squad, even if that means a greatly reduced one."

"We shall still bid for players at the very top end of the market."

"We are very conscious that, while we may be a prominent club at the moment, we could become a moderate one very quickly."

LEAGUE gates totalled 17.8 million last season—a record low.

After four weeks of the new season, attendances are nine per cent down on last season's overall figure.

If that downward trend continues, 1.6 million fans will be missing by the end of the season.

New competitions have failed to stimulate public interest. Only 1,898 saw First Division Oxford beat Shrewsbury 3-0 in the Full Members Cup last night.

FIRST DIVISION

	Last Year's	This Year's
Arsenal	31,305	25,090
Aston Villa	18,320	13,704
Chelsea	23,065	15,825
Coventry	12,848	12,275
Everton	31,983	27,241
Ipswich	17,052	14,935
Liverpool	34,465	31,543
Luton	10,817	10,683
Man Utd	42,880	50,609
Oxford	10,535	10,267
QPR	15,318	14,011
Sheff Wed	18,046	14,851
Tottenham	28,930	26,795
Watford	18,364	14,606
West Ham	18,433	15,380

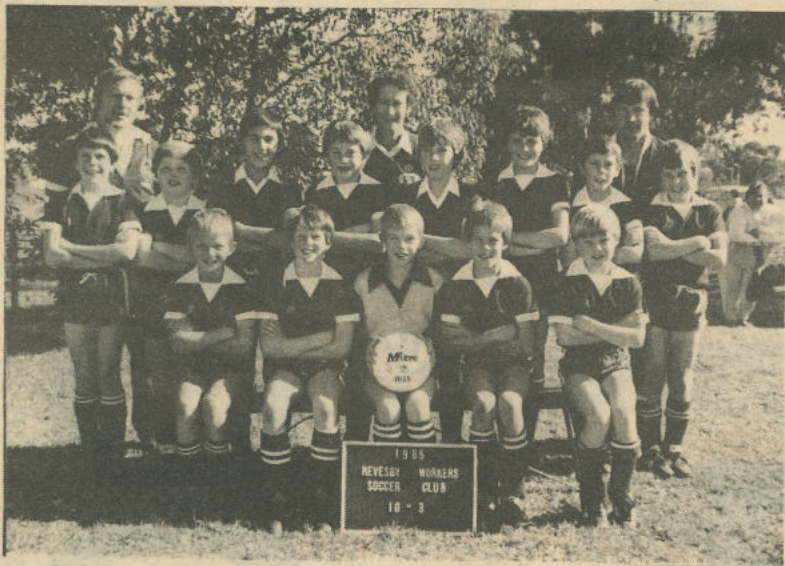
SECOND DIVISION

	Last Year's	This Year's
Charlton	5,099	4,953
Fulham	6,179	6,059
Leeds	15,161	14,917
Millwall	6,470	7,674
Portsmouth	15,337	14,125

JUNIOR SCENE



The Across The Waves Under 14 team
Front (Left to Right): Stephen Cooper, Steven Kominski, Andrew Webber, Michael Lavendar.
Middle (Left to Right): Jason Thorne, Jason Royal, Robbie Lewis, Matthew Johnson.
Back (Left to Right): Andrew Stillman (Manager), Michael Edwards, Stephen Barazza, Tim Marchant.
Absent: Gregory Scott, Keith Rosenblatt, Richie Hynes (Coach).



REVESBY WORKERS UNDER 10/3
Soccer Team Photo: Back left to right Les Houghton (coach) Ann McLachlain (manager) Steve Oakes (co-coach) Boys back row: Mathew Goulbourn, John Morgan, Adam Mennell, Anthony Bateman, Mark Kordusic, Iain Rouse, Glenn Hanney, Brett O'Callaghan.
Front row: Anthony Oakes, Peter Anlezark, Bradley McLauchlain, Peter Conley, Dean Stensholm.

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY U/15's



with
TONY RACITI

GLADESVILLE ON THE IMPROVE

GLADESVILLE Hornsby Football Association has over the years been renowned for the number of talented senior players from which have been developed from this year.

Recently though, Gladesville have been experiencing a lean period, but we have no doubt that this Association's Youth Squads are on the improve.

Below pictured is Gladesville Hornsby's 1985 Under 15 and 16 Youth League squads, and it should be noted how professionally both squads have been presented and fitted out.

NSW AMATEUR REPS



JOHN RANCIC



EDDIE PERVAN



GEORGE SORRAS

BIG YEAR FOR WINSTON HILLS

ONE of New South Wales' largest junior clubs, Winston Hills, completed a successful year when 14 of their teams qualified for the finals, and 8 sides won their grand finals within the huge Granville District Association.

With the support of Australian Real Estate behind them, Winston Hills fielded a phenomenal 50 sides in the competition and a further 30 squads player mini soccer.

When you add to this number, three girl teams, a total of 900 boys and girls played soccer for the club every weekend over the winter months.

The club's most successful side was without a doubt their Under

14 first division team, who in addition to their success in winning the grand final, won the NSWASF Under 14 State Cup Competition.

The team defeated teams from Hornsby, Como West and Manly Vale, before winning the final over St Ives 2-1 in a close and exciting encounter.

Pictured below is the victorious Winston Hills Under 14 team after having been presented with the State Cup.



ZAGREB WIN TITLE

ZAGREB Hurstville's Under 11a side have been playing together for the past five years in the St George District Association.

Again this season they performed exceptionally well, and finished as undefeated premiers, scoring 90 goals and conceding only 9.

The team is coached

by Mirko Moric and managed by Ivica Babaic, and both these two men can be very proud of their achievements, having guided this side to five years of undefeated competition.



Pictured from left to right: Mirko Moric (Coach), Ante Moric (Captain), Tony Milcic, Frane Jandrek, Ivan Babic, Ante Covic, Robert Suto, Ivica Babaic (Manager), Goroslav Buntic, Martin Knecevic, Vlado Lesic, Robert Babaic, Josip Brkic and Maio Mrkic.

THE CODE FOR MORSE

BY FRANK FINLAY

FOURTEEN year old Shaun Morse even at his tender age has already all the necessary qualities a goalkeeper should have.

He is alert, has complete control of his area, guides his defence with confidence and is fearless when he leaves his line to converge upon a striker that has broken clear of a back-four.

Shaun plays for the Albury Hotspurs and is a

member of the Albury Wodonga Soccer Association's Under 14 representative team. His ambition is to play for an English club. He has the right attitude and temperament to succeed and has the potential to develop into a young Socceroo.

HURSTVILLE PREMIERS

FOR the third year in succession, Hurstville Memorial have been minor premiers and premiers in the St George Admiral League first grade competition.

This season Hurstville has turned out to be the most successful ever for the club, after having won the A.S. Tanner Trophy for the club championship, and with the reserve grade capturing the minor premiership and premierships.

The first grade side went through the season undefeated during the competition, and their only loss was in the five of the Amateur Cup.

Hurstville's reserve grade side lost only one match all season.

The teams have been coached by Bill Rigby, with Danny Rothwell and Geoff Facey being the most consistent players during the season.

The club is now in the process to defend their NSW Champion of Champions trophy.

NSW AMATEUR REPS



DARREN SULLIVAN



GIUSEPPE RUSSO





Across The Waves Under 14 player, Andrew Webber, races up the wing in the semi-finals of the Bundaberg Under 14 competition against Alloway.

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"I would hate to leave them. I'd hate to get all these people and build up a good club and all of a sudden walk out on the players."

But the prospect of a new, exciting challenge remains inviting.

"I am the type of person who needs a challenge to thrive," he said. "I have to have something to aim for."

"Sure, there are still times, like the big games against Croatia and Sydney Olympic, when the adrenalin pumps and you are keyed up. But it doesn't happen often and I wish it would."

"Things have changed for me. I used to be a nut case when I first started coaching City. I'd do some silly things. I was a real idiot."

"In those early days I would have done anything to win a game, whereas nowadays I just sit on the bench and it is hard to get totally involved."

When the time comes Thomson will not look for anything but the most demanding of challenges.

"You know," he said seriously, "I would really like to coach Sydney Olympic. Now that would be a challenge."

"It would put me back on the edge again knowing that if I did not produce the results I

would be getting abused and if I did win I would be getting their support."

The significance of that statement would not be lost on anyone around Australia who watched a few months ago when Sydney City and Olympic were in the centre of the crowd riot at Pratten Park.

Thomson, with the City players and referee, was the target of the rampaging Greek fans — many of whom harbour an intense hatred of Thomson and his team.

Thomson said yesterday the thought of a riot still sickened him.

"Really, if I could afford it I would have next year off," he said. "The thing that annoys me is that Sydney City gets a name for being tough."

"I swear on my kid's life I have never told any of my players to go over the ball. I have never told them to kick anyone."

Thomson said he bore no grudges against the Greeks.

"Most of them are terrific people," he said. "It is just that five per cent which gives a club a bad name. It's a shame, really."

Thomson would be unable to go to watch Olympic play for fear of being recognised and spat at and abused.

"It's not worth it," he said.



REVESBY WORKERS UNDER 12 GIRLS

Soccer Team Photo: Back row Jackie Houghton (coach) Len Sargood (coach) Sandra Sargood (manager). Middle row: Jennifer Chenhall, Jodie Siddons, Karen Mander, Sharon Watson, Melissa Reynolds, Amanda Foreman, Kathryn Dalmer, Kim Sargood. Front row: Natile Twiss, Kylie Riach, Debra Lynch, Danielle Molesworth, Leanne Pope.

The under 12 girls were undefeated minor premiers and premiers in 1985. The team scored 84 goals for and NIL against during the season.



REVESBY WORKERS UNDER 14 GIRLS

Soccer Team Photo: Back row Tina Taylor, Karen Baldwin, Monica Eskuche, Kristen Wilson, Leanne Beaty, Lyndal Conley. Front row: Sheena Livingston, Cassandra Perry, Lynette Williams, Tracy Ungaro, Julie Levy. Not in the photo Charmain Dalmer and Debbie Sultana. Coach is Jim Dalmer and team manager is Jenny Dalmer.

The 14 girls were minor premiers and premiers for 1985 it took a total of 2 hours and 49 minutes before the winning goal was scored against Lions in the final. The winning goal was scored by Lynette Williams the goal keeper who was brought out of goals when the game went into extra time.

NORTH BANKSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

THE preparation for the 1986 season is progressing as planned.

North Bankstown is in its 33rd year, it is an Australian orientated club which welcomes all nationalities, with the unfortunate demise of Bankstown National, North Bankstown is now the senior club of the Bankstown United Association Soccer Clubs which covers all junior soccer in the Bankstown Area.

They have a 40 year lease on their home ground. Potts Park which has recently been top dressed and with its underground sprinkler system is certainly looking good for our State League and Youth League teams.

They believe that it is important that boys play and train in their local area to reduce travel time, this is particularly so for under 13s boys who are usually going into high school as well as playing Youth League. Soccer is one thing but schoolwork is an important other.

They have recently announced their Youth coaches for the 1986 season. As in the past Norths have looked for experience at senior level with the ability to communicate with the ages involved in the NSW Youth League

Competition Club President Kevan Johnston said:

"We don't make promises to the boys, we look after them, and our record speaks for itself as do our coaching staff — and I am pleased to have Ray Thomas, Barry Leslight, Glen Ahearne and Bob Hidson appointed to our 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s respectively."

The under 13s side is already shaping up well under the guidance of last seasons successful State League coach Ray Thomas and indeed looks to be very talented."

Over the past year's we have seen senior soccer suffer with bad management in the Bankstown Area. This results in the loss of a licenced club and the soccer centre to Rugby League and Bankstown National finishing last in State League.

The committee of North Bankstown Soccer Club are committed to make soccer available to the standard of our players. It is believed that with boys from the Bankstown and good coaching, there can and will be long term State League. 1st Division for all to enjoy again in the Bankstown Area.

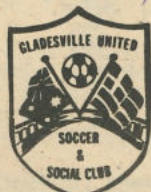


The winners of the Across The Waves trip to the New England Coaching Clinic in Armidale.

(Left to Right): Tim Scotney U/13, Gino Sergiacomi (Across The Waves Director of Junior Coaching), Matthew Thwaite U/12, Anthony Zanda U/15, Michael Edwards U/14.

The winners were chosen by the various coaches in each age group who each week awarded the players with points for ability, attitude, attendance and manner. This prize has been running for two years. The players are accompanied to the clinic by the Across The Waves Director of Junior Coaching, Gino Sergiacomi.

CLUB LOGOS



Mr. Rudi Roth was on hand to present the trophy to a very happy Peta Whitehead of Warners Bay High following her teams 3-1 victory over Gateshead High in the final of the Rudi Roth Trophy played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point. This win, completed the double for Warners Bay girls who had on the previous Friday won the Combined High Schools, Ku-ring-gai Cup 2-1 against Kirrawee High at Barton Stadium.



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SOCCER STARLETS FROM RUGBY UNION TERRITORY

IT's not often a group of kids from a small club in deep Rugby country like Randwick can take on some of the Soccer giants like Apia, let alone beat them.

But this team of Under 13 boys from the Randwick Botany Police Boys Soccer club did just that to earn the honour of playing off for the NSW Soccer Federation Champion of Champions title last Sunday.

The boys came through against teams from all over the State to run on against Blacktown at Parklea on Sunday.

They represented Southern and Eastern

District, one of the smaller associations in the State.

Randwick-Botany's success this year has been a triumph for the club system, rather than rushing boys into Youth competition.

Many of the boys have been with the club since they were little more than toddlers at five years old, and have been allowed to develop their skills without undue pressure.

They beat Apia 2-1 in the quarter final, and Green Valley United 3-0 in the semi to challenge Blacktown for the Championship.

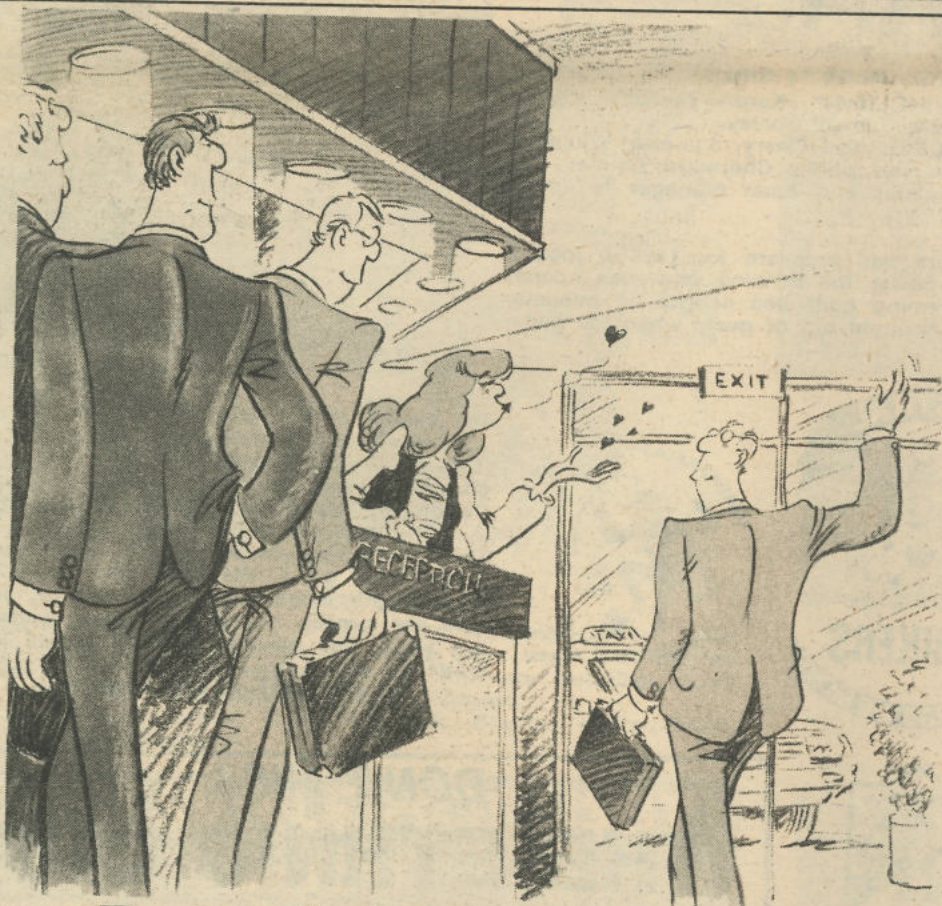
Randwick-Botany are coached by former Scottish Premier division player John Ross who first came to Australia for Hakoah (Sydney City) and his since proved an outstanding coach, working unstintingly with juniors.



The Randwick-Botany Kids



PICTURED ABOVE is the ILLAWARRA JUNIORS and BELOW is the South Coast Regional side for the NSWCHS championships this year.



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Jubilant Greenacre players and officials pictured after their success in winning their very first ever Amateur Cup.

SPOTLIGHT ON JIMMY CAMPBELL

NAME: Jimmy Campbell.
NICKNAME: None.
BIRTHDATE: 23.9.60.
BIRTHPLACE: Scotland (Glasgow)
STAR SIGN: Libra.
HEIGHT: 5ft 7in.
WEIGHT: 10 stone.
EYE COLOUR: Blue.
HAIR COLOUR: Light Brown.
MARITAL STATUS: Single.
OCCUPATION: Sheet Metal Worker.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Shettleston, Rob Roy (semi-prof teams in Scotland) Dee Why Swans.
FIRST EVER TEAM: Scotland Boy's Club.
FAVOURITE DISH: Spaghetti Bolognese.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Fawltly Towers, Soccer Programmes.
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Life of Brian.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Mark Holloway! Meryl Streep.
FAVOURITE MUSICIANS: Diana Ross, George Benson, U2.
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Australian Soccer Weekly.
FAVOURITE MAGAZINE: Shoot.
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Surfers Paradise.
FAVOURITE RELAXATION: Music.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Scuba Diving, Tennis, Golf.



JIMMY CAMPBELL

FAVOURITE ANIMAL: Dogs.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Forward.
GROUND: Marconi Stadium.
FIRST POSITION PLAYED: Midfield.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET! Diana Ross.
LIKES: Winning.
DISLIKES: Bad refereeing, smoking.
FEARS: Getting injured.
LUCKIEST BREAK: Getting a pass once, from Bobby Pagano.
ANY MAJOR HONOURS? None.
TEAM SUPPORTED AS A BOY: Glasgow Celtic.
CAR TYPE: Commodore.
SUPERSTITIONS: Put my boots on before every game!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Dee Why vs Manly. George Best Promotional Match.
GREATEST MOMENT: Scoring in above match.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing full-time soccer.
WORST INJURY: None.
BEST GOAL SCORED: 20m volley for Dee Why v Nth Bankstown '84.
MOST PROMISING TEAM MATE: It used to be Tom Stevens before he left!
COUNTRIES PLAYED IN: UK, Australia.
BOOT TYPE: Puma.
FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish.
BEST ALL-TIME XI (4-2-4): Banks, Alberto, Krol, Beckenbauer, McGrain, Platini, Cruyff, Johnstone, Pele, Dalglish, Best.
FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My dad, Jimmy senior.
AMBITIONS FOR '86: To win State League with Manly.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To play in National League with Manly. To be happy in life.

BRIAN ELLEM

Brian is a regular first grade player at Kur-ring-gai and is an exceptionally talented midfielder. He tackles strongly, is alert to players in support and has a strong shot. Brian was also a member of the NSW CHS team in 1984.



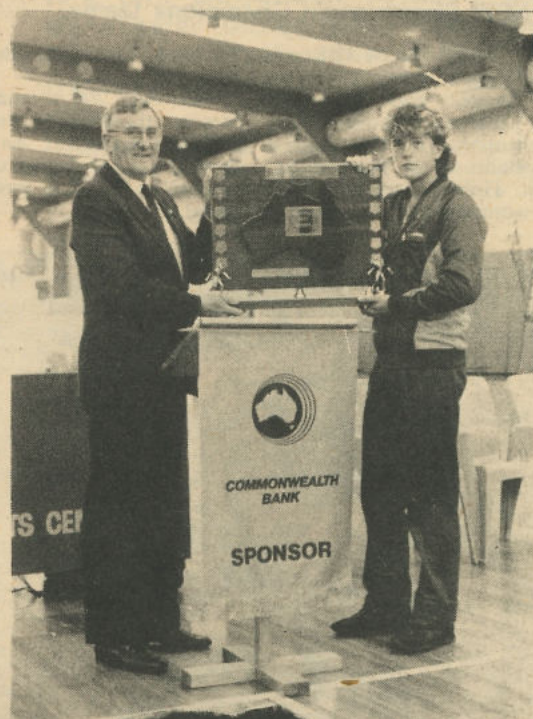
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SPOTLIGHT ON BRIAN DENE



NAME: Brian Terence Dene.
NICKNAME: Deano.
BIRTHDATE: 6.5.64.
BIRTHPLACE: Hertfordshire, England.
STAR SIGN: Taurus.
HEIGHT: 5ft 9in.
WEIGHT: 10½ stone.
EYE COLOUR: Hazel.
HAIR COLOUR: Red.
MARITAL STATUS: Single.
OCCUPATION: Bank Officer.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Auburn, Melita.
FIRST EVER TEAM: North Rocks Junior Soccer Club.
FAVOURITE DISH: An Indonesian Dish called "Nasi Goreng".
FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange Juice.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Hill St Blues.
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Escape to Victory.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Harpo Marx, Sally Field.
FAVOURITE MUSICIANS: "Forever Fifteen" A local Australian Rock Band.
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: The Sun & Australian Soccer Weekly.
FAVOURITE MAGAZINE: Australian Post.
LAST BOOK READ: Can't remember.
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Fiji. I went there last year and loved it.
FAVOURITE RELAXATION: Going to see live rock bands or comedians at pubs or clubs.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, Golf, Fishing.
FAVOURITE ANIMAL: Monkeys because they make me laugh, and I find them interesting.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET! WHY?! Kevin Keegan because he is the model soccer player and I've idolised him since I started first playing.
LIKES: Spending time with friends and family.
DISLIKES: Not very much.
FEARS: Getting injured badly, and maybe having to give up the game.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Midfield.
FIRST POSITION: Midfield.
FAVOURITE GROUND: St George Stadium.
LUCKIEST BREAK: Moving to Ku-ring-gai.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Selected for Australian Schoolboys.
TEAM SUPPORTED AS A BOY: In Australia: Sydney City who were then called Hakoah Eastern Suburbs. Overseas: Arsenal.
CAR TYPE: Datsun 1600.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Captaining the winning side which was Marsden High School in the 1982 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup formerly the Tasman Cup. We beat Punchbowl High 1-0.
GREATEST MOMENT: Being selected in the 1982 Combined High Schools side.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Fortunately I haven't had any.
WORST INJURY: Breaking my leg when I was ten.
MOST PROMISING TEAM MATE: Craig Bass.
COUNTRIES PLAYED IN: None.
MOST RESPECTED REFEREE: Phil Hafey.
HARDEST OPPONENT: Billy Griffiths.
FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER: Charlie George.
BOOT TYPE: Puma.
FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER: Liam Brady.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family especially mum and dad. When I was a junior my U/12 coach Barry Walker then as a senior the biggest influence came from Raul Blanco and Vic Dalglish.
AMBITIONS FOR '86: To become a regular first grader at Kur-ring-gai and to help Kur-ring-gai make the finals.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To achieve as much as possible whether its through club or international level.
BEST ALL-TIME XI: Pat Jennings, Steve Derryman, Franz Beckenbauer, Gordon McQueen, Kenny Samson, Kenny Dalglish, Bryan Robson, Liam Brady, Kevin Keegan, Ian Rush, Pele.

ABOVE: LIAM BRADY is BRIAN DENE'S favourite current player.
BELOW: Meanwhile KENNY DALGLISH is Jimmy Campbell's number one current player.
FAR RIGHT: FRANZ BECKENBAUER would be in the Best All-time XI of both players, such is his greatness.
TOP RIGHT: Brian Ellem receiving the Commonwealth plaque as captain of the NSW Schoolboys side that won the recent championships in Canberra.
BELOW RIGHT: Ellem lining up a free-kick during the Schoolboy championships.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH KEITH GILMOUR AND JOHN ECONOMOS

CHAMPIONS

EPPING-EASTWOOD seniors and Wenty Waratah Under 14s are the 1985 NSW Champion of Champions teams.

They joined State League winners Forest Rangers and runners-up Killarney to collect their trophies at the Crystal Ballroom at West Ryde. Holroyd won the night competition for Under

17s and Liverpool the Under 15s. With over 200 persons present, the evening was highly successful and showed a great degree of enthusiasm in the look ahead to 1986.



TO THE WINNERS THE SPOILS! Happy faces all around as the girls are presented to the audience at the after championship function.

GAI WHITE DRAWS THE WHISTLE

GAI WHITE this year achieved another first for Women's Soccer.

Mrs White was the referee for an Under 15s match in the highly rated NSW Youth League.

Reports that came through indicate that Gai did an excellent job handling the boys.

She is a member of the Gladesville-Hornsby Referees Association.

The Association at present has six Women referees on its active register.

There are others who will return to handle matches when their examinations are all over.

DEBBIE DOING FINE

DEBORAH BONSHORE, Australia's young red-haired goalkeeper, looks outstanding material for the future.

Debbie first came to prominence while playing for Gateshead High in the Rudy Roth Trophy and Ku-ring-Gai Cup matches.

That she would rapidly become one of Australia's best goalkeepers was soon accepted.

Playing for Northern NSW last year, the then National coach Jim Selby, drafted young Deborah into the Australian squad to travel to Taiwan last December for the World Women's Invitational Football Tournament as back-up keeper to No 1 custodian, Vicki Salmons.

At training sessions in Taiwan, Debbie despite her youth, threw herself at full-blooded drives hammered in by her senior international team-mates to make fine saves and win the admiration of her colleagues.

Always a cheerful type of lass, Debbie is steadily making her presence felt at club, State and National levels.

Australia's new coach, Fred Robins has retained Deborah in the National squad that is preparing for next year's Oceania Cup in New Zealand.



DEBORAH BONSHORE

CALIFORNIA HERE I COME

A party of 35 covering two senior teams will travel from Newcastle to play in California next March.

Tanya White, is one who is to make the trip. "I have raised \$1,000 already so there is as much again to go," she told ASW.

Tanya, 16, captained the Northern NSW Under 17 team in Hobart and was representing her state for the third time. She is a strong forward

and is known as "Lefty" because of her power-packed left foot shot.

Raffles are on the go, but the big drive has recently been on lamination sales.

On a recent weekend, no less than 5,000 dozen were sold to boost the players' fund.

The Women are from the strong Macquarie Association area and each has to raise \$2,000 for a total cost of \$70,000 for the trip.

They leave on March 8 for a month in the United States as part of the Cultural Exchange programme.

Under 15 player,



BACK ROW: L to R: E. Wilson (manager) Maria Martinez, Yvonne Cummins, Nicole Grezekamp, Mandy Wilson, Leanne Willox, Ingrid Lehmann, Kim Calhoun (coach). FRONT ROW: Alison Devenney, Angela Ianotta, Jenny Piltz, Laura Cameron, Glenis Piltz. GOALIE: Robyn Wilson.



NSW Under 15 captain and striker Krissie James has a few words to say in Hobart after receiving the cup as National champions.



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Holroyd's Robyn Bradley snapped as she unwittingly demonstrates a classical soccer pose. In support is Joanne Livingston whilst Leanne Edmundson of Seven Hills B arrives too late to recover.

UK Scene

LIVERPOOL'S GOALKEEPER SEARCH

LIVERPOOL are in the market for a goalkeeper.

They need a back-up for Bruce Grobbelaar and they don't mind if they have to pay big money to get the right man.

Birmingham and England Under 21 goalkeeper David Seaman has been checked out by Liverpool boss Kenny Dalglish.

Seaman cost Birmingham \$200,000 from Peterborough last season

and would make a handy profit if they let him go to Liverpool now.

Tim Flowers, the 18-year-old from Wolves, is another goalkeeper target for Liverpool.

Flowers attracted an Everton bid of \$300,000 last season. But with Wolves so desperate for cash, they'd probably sell him for a bit less right now.

COTTEE BOUNCES BACK

SOMETIMES it can work wonders for a player to be dropped.

Tony Cottee, the West Ham forward, couldn't score a goal — so he was left out of the team for a match at Southampton.

Brought back a week later, Cottee scored five goals in five matches and he hasn't looked back since.

Hammers boss John Lyall commented: "We had a long chat and I decided to pull Tony out of the firing line for one game because he was tired and wasn't sharp."

"He's only just 20 and playing more than 60 games last season probably caught up with the boy."

KERSLAKE STAYING AT QPR

DAVID KERSLAKE, the teenage winger of QPR, asked for a transfer recently because he was struggling for a first team place.

QPR agreed to release him, but also promoted him to the first team against Hull City and he scored.

That goal kept Kerslake in the senior side and QPR started winning matches.

Now the unsettled player is no longer unsettled — in fact he says he'll probably ask to be taken from the transfer list.

"It meant a lot to me that the boss, Jim Smith, put me in the first XI."

He has been completely fair to me and I want to repay that faith," said Kerslake.

BIDS FOR SPURS STARS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR get enquiries almost daily for their star players who are struggling for first team spots.

Mike Hazard was allowed to join Chelsea for \$600,000 but Spurs could also sell the likes of Tony Galvin, John Chiedozie, Gary Mabbutt, Mark Bowen and Alley Dick.

Manager Peter Shreeve is keen to keep the bulk of his squad but, with crowds down and no European matches to swell the kitty, the wages bill can be a worry.

Shreeve keeps his players informed about all transfer bids and hopes they are in no hurry to leave White Hart Lane.

A GOOD MOVE BY COOPER

TERRY COOPER, Bristol City manager and former England World Cup star, has gone into the removals business to help recruit players for City.

Whenever Cooper and his assistant Clive Middlemass talk terms with players they want to sign, they throw in the offer: "We'll move your furniture to Bristol free of charge!"

Cooper said: "We hire a furniture van, pay for the petrol and share

the driving between us.

"We've already helped out striker Alan Walsh with his 550 mile round-trip move from Hartlepool and goalkeeper Keith Walker who had to move house from Sheffield."

It would have cost Walsh at least \$1,000 for

the removal from Hartlepool but Cooper and Middlemass were able to get the job done for an outlay of \$300.

"We'll do this for any player who wants to join Bristol City," said Cooper, "not only to save him money but also to establish a friendly relationship right from the start."

● Canada beware — Thomas The Book is coming! Infamous former referee CLIVE THOMAS is heading for Vancouver to lecture at the British Colombian Soccer Association's first residential course for referees.

Accompanying Clive (below) will be his wife Beryl, making her first trip after 20 years as a soccer widow.



● QUEEN'S PARK officials have rejected Clyde's move to play their home games at Lesser Hampden, the small ground tucked behind Scotland's national stadium. Now Clyde have less than a year to find a new ground before the lease on Shawfield expires.

PAUL'S LUCKY DRAW

WHEN young Paul Gascoigne was dropped from Newcastle United's team, he figured he was due a chance of luck.

So Paul bought six lottery tickets from the Newcastle office. He came up trumps collecting the \$4,000,000 first prize.



BACK-UP NEEDED

Raddy returns

Former Arsenal ace JOHN RADFORD is swapping pints for a full-time career in football again.

Radford, who was coaching non-League Bishops Stortford and running a pub in North London, has joined QPR as JIM SMITH's reserve team coach.

FRANK SIBLEY, who took charge at Loftus Road after ALAN MULLERY was sacked, will stay on as assistant manager.

Happy Hibs

Hibs boss JOHN BLACKLEY was delighted with the transfer tribunal decision that Nottingham Forest must pay £201,000 for midfielder man BRIAN RICE, more than double the fee offered by BRIAN CLOUGH.

Says Blackley: "English clubs have got away with murder over the years. I hope this means that teams cannot come to Scotland and sign any player they want at a cut price."

It made me laugh...

It's lucky for Sheffield Wednesday manager HOWARD WILKINSON that new signing GARRY THOMPSON has a sense of humour. Because he didn't want the £450,000 striker bothered by us hacks after signing from WBA recently, Wilkinson booked Thompson into a hotel under the pseudonym of Bob Gorilla. Asked why he'd chosen such an unusual name, Thompson admitted: "I think it's a pseudonym for gorilla!"

GODSPELL!

Chilean club Valdina are the talk of their national League after committing their centre-forward, Castillo, to a psychiatric hospital.

Castillo was bearing down on goal in their game against Curico Unido when he suddenly pulled up, picked the ball off the ground and placed it on the centre-circle, saying: "God is calling me and I am going."

With that, he walked off the pitch, leaving his team-mates stunned.

TESTIMONIAL FOR IAIN McCULLOCH

JUST 18 months ago, Notts County's Iain McCulloch collided with Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey and suffered a double leg fracture which ended his football career.

Already plenty of people have forgotten about McCulloch, but not Manchester United, whose boss Ron Atkinson has offered to take a full-strength United side to Notts County for a Testimonial match.

It is a fine gesture from the Old Trafford club, which is constantly being asked to play friendly fixtures.



Thanks Mo

Fourth Division strugglers Hartlepool United have good reason to be thankful for the day Celtic striker MO JOHNSTON visited a Newcastle disco with his former Watford team-mate GEORGE REILLY.

The pair got chatting to the disco owner, PAUL MONTGOMERY, who just happens to be a Hartlepool director, and it was mentioned that the club were looking for a new left-back.

That's when Johnston (above) recalled his former Partick Thistle youth team colleague TOMMY KELLY, who has just signed for the Victoria Ground club following a trial.

Says Johnston: "I always knew Tommy had the ability. He just needed a break and hopefully this will be it."

At a time when football is supposed to be feeling the pinch more than at any other time during its history, I was interested to see that Aston Villa chairman DOUG ELLIS received a fee of £10,000 for his services to the club last season.

Ellmanton Construction, in which Ellis has a 70 per cent interest, collected an administration fee of £30,000 from the club.

SO LONG, SON

WBA boss JOHNNY GILES made one of the toughest decisions of his life when he released his son MICHAEL on a free transfer recently.

Giles junior has signed for newly-promoted Bradford, and Dad says: "It's never easy for any player when his father is the manager. But Michael has learnt a lot under the coaching of NOBBY STILES."

"I know he'll be in very good hands at Bradford under the management of my old friends TREVOR CHERRY and TERRY YORATH."

Baffled Bobby

England manager BOBBY ROBSON rather overdid the compliments about the Mexican side when he arrived in South America.

Robson (below) was so effusive about the skills of the Mexican players that a local journalist asked whether he could actually name any of them.

"Er, no..." said the stumped England manager, but quickly recovered to add: "They were so fast I couldn't see the numbers on their backs!"

● In the wake of events at Bradford City, the 55-year-old South Stand at Northern Ireland's Windsor Park has been closed until further notice. The mainly wooden structure is considered to be a fire risk.

● Former Liverpool star PETER CORMACK is looking for a manager's job in his native Scotland.

The ex-Partick boss still has a year of his contract with Cypriot club Anorthosis to run, but is anxious to return before the new season kicks-off next month.



BOBBY ROBSON

ROBSON HITS OUT

WHEN you're manager of England's international team you are expected to say plenty of nice things and avoid controversy.

But somebody forgot to tell the incumbent Bobby Robson.

Talking on Tyne-Tees television, Robson lashed out: "If you want international success, you have to give the England manager a better chance."

Preparation in this country for international football is abysmal... it is just not good enough.

Over the years, England have achieved no-

thing more than hit-and-miss results.

"We did not qualify for the World Cup in 1974 and 1978 because we didn't give the England team enough time to prepare."

Robson is also keen to see a new Super League launched.

"It would produce a higher standard of football and improve our chances in the World Cup," he said.

GILLESPIE HUNT

ARSENAL, beginning to lose patience with DAVID O'LEARY, are ready to make a move for Liverpool's GARY GILLESPIE.

Centre-half O'Leary has refused to sign a new contract until there is an improvement in terms and the guarantee of a testimonial.

But Gunners boss DON HOWE is anxious to settle his squad as soon as possible and sees Gillespie as the ideal man for Arsenal.

The 24-year-old-Scot has been transfer listed at his own request after failing to gain a regular first team place in two years at Anfield.

Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa and Coventry have all made enquiries, but cannot match his wages. That would be no problem for Arsenal. Nor would Liverpool's £200,000 asking price.



CRACKDOWN ON BULLIES

SCOTTISH football has ordered a massive clean-up in the new season and referees will be axed if they don't comply.

The authorities are determined to banish the bully boys and have told officials to clamp down on offenders — or else.

They want the tackle from behind to be outlawed, as in England, and coaches and managers have been warned about touchline abuse after a spate of angry outbursts last season.

Worthy, a star at 40!

FRANK WORTHINGTON, the new player-manager at Tranmere, has signed 40-year-old brother Dave as a scout for the hard-up Fourth Division club.

Says Worthy: "Dave played more than 500 games for Grimsby, Barrow and Halifax and has tremendous experience of the lower divisions."

"We are looking for new players and Dave will do a good job."

Incidentally, Worthy's three goals in the recent 6-2 thrashing of Cambridge was his first League hat-trick since 1973!

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JOHN PENDER is set to make a First Division return despite featuring in successive relegation campaigns with hard-up Wolves.

Coventry boss DON MACKAY likes the look of the big defender, and has money to spend after the recent £450,000 double sale of STUART PEARCE and IAN BUTTERWORTH to Nottingham Forest.

Wolves would expect £70,000 for Pender, and Mackay admits: "Yes, we are showing a big interest in his future plans. He is a player of ability."

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BROOKE BEATS JINX



Former club Spurs are one team who won't figure on Brooke's fixture list this season now that he's joined Second Division Norwich.

Compared to some of the summer's big money deals, Garry Brooke's arrival at Norwich on a free transfer from Spurs scarcely attracted a mention.

Yet it would hardly be a surprise if Brooke, still only 24, put Canaries manager Ken Brown in line for the snip buy of the season award!

A member of Tottenham's F.A. Cup success against QPR in 1982, Brooke's career underwent something of a decline at White Hart Lane, largely as a consequence of a near-fatal car crash in February, 1984 which landed the player in intensive care for ten days.

Courage and determination have seen him through the dark days, however, and his desire to return to the top, burns stronger than ever.

"I feel as fit as a fiddle and am raring to go," confirms Brooke. "If I wasn't 100 per cent fit, then the cross country runs we've been doing recently would soon have found me out!"

"I've no regrets at all about leaving Spurs," he insists. "I was getting increasingly fed up that I

wasn't in the team. After seven years I felt I'd been at the club too long."

"I'd thought I'd found myself a home up here in Norfolk, but then I went on holiday for six weeks and came back to find that it had been sold to someone else, so I've just got to start all over again."

Brooke agreed to join Norwich in May when they were still a First Division club, only to watch in dismay as his new club slipped into Division Two.

'Relegated'

"There was a possibility that we might be relegated, but now that it has happened, it certainly hasn't changed my mind about coming here," says Brooke.

Brooke could easily have become a Southampton player before Norwich came in for him.

"I would have gone there, but we couldn't agree on a few personal details," he admits. "It was nothing very serious, but I really don't mind that much about dropping a division because of it."

TWO FOR GRIMSBY VACANCY

PHIL NEAL AND MIKE LYONS, former Merseyside stars, are both in line for the vacant managerial job at Grimsby Town.

Dave Booth resigned as Grimsby boss after three years in the job because he is going into the property development business.

Booth has been associated with Grimsby for 15 years.



SOCCER WORLD



PRYTZ FINDS IT TOUGH

ROBERT PRYTZ, the Swedish star, had a few off-field clashes with manager Jock Wallace when he played in Scotland for Rangers.

Wallace, it seems, didn't think Prytz was tough enough, although the Swede insisted: "I'm a footballer not a chopper."

When the inevitable break came, Prytz was happy to return to his home country, joining IFK Gothenburg in a \$250,000 deal.

But even back home in Sweden, the player couldn't get away from tough tackling.

In his debut match for Gothenburg, Prytz was hit by some savage tackling from opponents

Kalmar.

Interviewed after that game, he said: "The treatment I received was even worse than in Scotland!"

But quite the opposite has happened, they have in fact got much better! With new recruits, Aldo Serena and Michel Laudrup joining Platini, Cabrini Scirea and co. the Zebras are sweeping all before them.

They have gone six matches in the Serie A without defeat, they are in the final 16 of the Italian Cup (without a defeat) and have moved impressively into the second round of the European Cup on a 9-1 aggregate!

It seems the injection of youth and vitality has brought Juve back to life in an incredible manner, the acquisitions of Serena and Laudrup being the most impressive.

Now it can only be a

matter of wait and see if they can continue on this remarkable winning streak.

They have drawn Italian compatriots, Verona, in the second round of the European Cup and would have easily packed the Stadio Comunale in Torino except for the fact that UEFA have ordered them to play their first two European matches behind closed doors, as a result of the Brussels tragedy.

It is being claimed in the land of the Azzurri that with Serena and Laudrup doing the scoring (4 a piece), the great Michel Platini is now concentrating on orchestrating the mid-field, what he does best, and is looking better than ever.

STADIUM COLLAPSES

Spain has been rocked by the collapse of a stadium built just three years ago!

The Jose Zorrilla Stadium, built especially for the 1982 World Cup, was the scene of

frightening chaos as strong winds managed to bring 15 tons of metal roof covering crashing down on terraces below.

Off came more than 150 feet of roofing but fortunately this happened during the close season. The original builders have been asked to foot the £150,000 bill.

FROM GENOA TO ANFIELD

SAMPDORIA'S Scottish star, Graeme Souness could be returning to English football, possibly to team up with his old mate Kenny Dalglish at Liverpool.

Liverpool officials believe a Dalglish — Souness partnership would set their club on the right line for another European Cup title — if Liverpool are brought back into Europe.

Dalglish badly needs an assistant with the charm and ability to communicate with the media — a job which

Dalglish seems unable to handle.

With Dalglish making the big decisions and Souness as his mouthpiece, this would be an ideal partnership for Liverpool.

When Souness's contract with Sampdoria is up next year, be prepared for Liverpool to move in for his services.



GRAEME SOUNESS

JUVENTUS DOING A UNITED!

JUVENTUS are renowned all around the world for their great exploits on the football field and many were of the opinion they couldn't get any better following the loss of such notables like, Boniek, Rossi, Tardelli, Vignola, Gentile and Zoff.



COACH'S COLD COMFORT

THERE's a coaching job going in the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic if anyone is interested.

The London DAILY EXPRESS unkindly suggested it would be an opening for Tommy Docherty!

STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN

THERE were strange happenings before the two recent World Cup qualifying matches between Honduras and Canada.

In Honduras, the Canadians were embarrassed, not to say seriously inconvenienced, when they discovered all the toilet paper had been removed from their hotel rooms.

In Canada, Honduras had all their playing gear stolen. They had to buy new gear and spend hours sewing national badges on to the jerseys they'd bought.



MICHEL LAUDRUP

GISSA NAME!

SV Hamburg, one of the most famous clubs in the West German Bundesliga, are considering changing their name to improve their reputation. Plagued by terrace thugs, Hamburg have

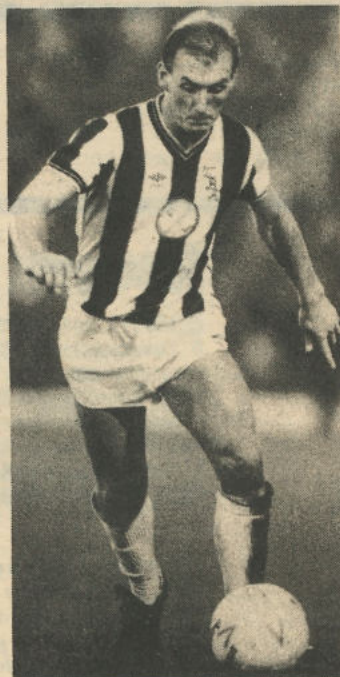
hired an agency to help them campaign against hooliganism and clean up their image. And they offer a reward in German Marks equal to £175,000 for the person who comes up with the right name!

NO GOAL FOR METGOD

JOHNNY METGOD, the Dutch midfielder, has always had a secret ambition ... he wants to try his luck as a goalkeeper.

Metgod thought he'd get his big chance when he offered to replace injured Hans Seger in Nottingham Forest's goal against West Ham United.

It was not to be. Forest skipper Ian Bowyer decided to have a go himself.



West Bromwich Albion's new strikers IMRE VARADI and GARTH CROOKS are under pressure ... from team-mate STEVE HUNT!

The Albion midfielder star says: "The only way I will get back into the England international reckoning is by getting my name regularly in the headlines."

"So I've set myself a target of 15 goals for the coming season, which won't do my prospects of a World Cup call any harm at all."

"I know I'm good enough to play for England and if I can play well this season I believe I still have a chance to get to Mexico."



Dorner tops

Hans-Jürgen Dorner, captain and sweeper of East Germany and Dynamo Dresden, has been voted his nation's Footballer of the Year.

Dorner (right), who holds 100 international caps, needs two more to beat the East German record, held by Joachim Streich, now manager of 1FC Magdeburg.

Both players faced England at Wembley last year when Bryan Robson's late goal denied them a prestige draw.



Alex for the axe

Hearts manager ALEX MACDONALD and his assistant SANDY JARDINE have opposing targets this season.

For while Jardine hopes to play his 1,000th game, Macdonald plans to axe himself whenever possible!

Says Alex: "I'll only play in emergencies. The good young players are coming through and that will allow me to concentrate on being a manager."

PORTUGAL BECKONS IRISH STRIKER

MIKE ROBINSON is convinced the worst mistake he ever made was to leave Liverpool.

Since switching to QPR, the Republic of Ireland forward has been going through the horrors.

In nine months, he has played only four senior games as a striker — and he cost the club \$400,000.

It is not only at club level that Robinson is struggling — he has also lost his place in the Irish international squad — because they want a striker not a midfielder.

"The QPR manager

doesn't fancy me as a front line player. I don't know why," said a disillusioned Robinson.

He is now very anxious to get away from QPR and says he is ready to move anywhere.

Robinson has recently attracted club scouts from the continent.

He is interested in a reported move by Portugal's Benfica to sign him up although such a move might take him away from Ireland's World Cup scouting network.



MARK HATELEY, the Italian hero pictured embracing Antonio Cabrini after the Italy-England match in Mexico.

MARKETING MARK BY A.C. MILAN

A.C. MILAN couldn't be happier about the progress made by English international Mark Hateley since he signed for them.

Milan have offered Hateley a new four-year contract which will make him one of the best-paid British players of all time.

Not only that, they have also bought out the player's publicity contract, which was 50 per

cent owned by agent Dennis Roach.

This means the Italian club will have complete control over Hateley's advertising contracts in Italy.

The club is gearing up for a big drive to promote Hateley.



'El Tel's' war on thugs

Terry Venables' Barcelona have declared war on hooligans!

While Venables prepares his star-studded team, led by Bernd Schuster and Steve Archibald, for their European Cup campaign, the club is determined to ensure that hooligans do not wreck their dream.

They have divided their terracing area into eight separate sections, installed cameras to monitor crowd behaviour and met with police to discuss methods of weeding out trouble-makers.

All fans will now carry two entry cards which must be presented at the gate as well as an identity card.

And while British clubs dither and dally about such measures, Barcelona have inserted a vicious sting in the tail ... anybody arrested in the Nou Camp Stadium will be automatically banned for life — and thrown behind bars!

BANGOR SHOOTS INTO BIG-TIME

ATLETICO MADRID against Bangor — that has to be one of the most intriguing battles in this week's European Cup Winners Cup.

The Bangor players, taxi drivers, chicken packers, accountants and odd job men earn about \$70 a week from soccer. Atletico's stars get roughly 20 times as much!

Bangor, a small-time non-league club from North Wales, are thrilled

to be drawn against the Spanish giants.

Mark Palios, Bangor's 32-year-old — skipper, a chartered accountant, says he tried to work out the best draw for his team "and this must be it."

He went on: "We couldn't have got anyone bigger. It's fantastic, a dream come true for me."

John Ross-Jones, the Bangor chairman, joked: "I'm glad we got an easy draw instead of one of the big club!"

Milestone missed

Whisper it, but Manchester City once missed the chance to celebrate a glorious milestone in the long history of their palatial Maine Road stadium.

Inside the club's reception area and to the left of the door to the long corridor that stretches to the panelled boardroom is a plaque commemorating the opening of Maine Road. Date: August 23, 1923. Visitors: Sheffield United. Result: A 2-1 win for City.

Sixty years on and the day of the diamond jubilee, the anniversary passed without anyone noticing!

What a miss ... but then that's been dear old City's habit down the years.

Former superstar Francis Lee, the chunky England striker, once coined the saying: "If they gave Cups for slips up, City would have more silverware than Sothebys!"

Evans gets tough

First Division strikers are in for a tough ride this season, because Aston Villa's hard as nails skipper ALLAN EVANS plans to get even tougher!

Says the muscular defender: "I'm looking for a little more of my old bite."

"I don't feel I've played as well as I can during the past year or so and now I plan to get more involved."

● FORMER Meadowbank defender JOHN SALTON hasn't forgotten his former team-mates now he's the owner of a successful engineering business. The local lad made good is Thistle's new sponsor.

Irvin at large!

Although TERRY BUTCHER's injury has given IRVIN GERNON a chance at the centre of Ipswich's defence, he doesn't expect to stay there for long.

Says Gernon (right): "Even with RUSSELL OSMAN's transfer to Leicester, I realise my chances of keeping out Terry or IAN CRANSON are not good. "That's why I'm concentrating on getting into the team at left-back."

It made me laugh...

Millwall's fans may not be notorious for their sense of humour, but I had to laugh when the Second Division newcomers hesitated over the taking of a free-kick in their first game of the season. Shouted one none too patient supporter: "Take your time — you've only had three months to think about it!"

Return of the Star Finder

FIRST move Chris Nicholl made as new manager of Southampton was to reinstate Bob Higgins as Youth Development Officer.

Bob, who discovered such stars as Steve Williams, Steve Moran and Ruuben Agboola, had been booted out by Lawrie McMenemy who

promptly moved his son Chris up into the job.

When Big Mac took Little Mac with him to Sunderland, Bob was asked to rejoin Saints.

Full marks to Chris Nicholl for recognising the talent of one of the finest youth coaches in the game.

Europe's top scouts are flocking to Spain to watch 21-year-old Sporting Gijon goalkeeper Juan Carlos Ablanedo.

In his first season in the Spanish League, Ablanedo played in 33 of Gijon's 34 games, conceding only 22 goals. He kept 16 clean sheets and played a major part in the club's qualification for this season's UEFA Cup.

SORRY, PETER

I was astonished to discover the other day that the Tottenham manager is not called Peter Shreeves but PETER SHREEVE.

The Spurs boss revealed: "When I first came to this club as a youth coach, everyone just called me Shreevesie and assumed there was a final 's' at the end of my name."

"It's not something that's ever bothered me, but I'm glad to say they've finally got it right in this year's club handbook."



NORTHERN IRISH club Linfield were not at all happy about a spying job done on their team by European Cup opponents Servette of Switzerland.

Servette officials arrived in Belfast without telling anyone they were coming, took a video of the first half of Linfield's match against Glentoran without permission and at half-time, left the ground to fly back to Switzerland.

If that wasn't enough to anger the Irishmen, there was another strange incident in the pre-match build-up to the European Cup match.

Servette brought forward a Sunday match to a Saturday night.

Linfield boss Roy Coyle had arranged to fly to Geneva to see the game but nobody told him it had been switched!

REAL MALLORCA released Northern Irish international Gerry Armstrong to allow him to quit Spain and join West Bromwich Albion for this season.

At West Brom, Armstrong was given the nickname 'The Judge'.

Goalkeeper Tony Godden explained: "Gerry spent so much time on the bench at Spurs and Watford, his nickname was a natural!"